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T. H. EDGAR DEAD.

T. H. Edgar, whose serious illness was noted in these columns last week, succumbed to appendicitis at his home a short distance below Stillwater at half past one Saturday. He had been ill for some time with the disease and on Monday previous an operation was performed in the hope that his life could be saved, but it had been delayed too long, as the appendix had already broken. He improved sufficiently to revive the hopes of the physicians, but improvement was very brief. His condition grew worse on Wednesday and after three days hard struggle for life, death conquered.

Mr. Edgar was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Edgar, now both deceased, and was born in Fishingcreek township February 15th, 1845. He was educated in the common schools and at New Columbus Academy and remained at home until he was nineteen years of age. He began life for himself by serving a full term of apprenticeship at the cabinet maker's trade at Cambra. He left Cambra in 1867 going to Rohrsburg where he conducted a mercantile business. He was similarly engaged at Centralia and Mt. Carmel. At the latter place his store was destroyed by fire, after which he moved to Benton. He was engaged for a time operating a saw mill at the North Mountain. He disposed of this, however, and in 1877 returned to his boyhood home at Stillwater where he has resided ever since. He erected a planing mill at a little village known as Ikeler Town, midway between Stillwater and Forks where he manufactured on an extensive scale all kinds of building material, such as doors, sashes, windows, etc. He was also a contractor of considerable note, and has erected many dwellings in Bloomsburg, Benton and other towns.

The surviving family consists of a wife, formerly Miss Cecilia McHenry, daughter of James D. McHenry and two children, one daughter, Mrs. W. L. McHenry. and one son Orvis Roy. Another son Harry O. died about fifteen years ago. The funeral occurred on Monday. Services were conducted in the Christian church, of which the deceased was a devout member, by Rev. Sawtelle, of Benton, and interment was made in the cemetery connected with the church.

In the death of Mr. Edgar Fishingcreek township loses one of its best citizens, a man who stood high, not only in the community where he resided, but with everybody who knew him.

Rescue Boys do Well.

That the Rescue Fire Company is an organization that is pleasing to the people in general was amply attested Friday evening when there gathered in the Town Hall one of the largest crowds that ever attended a dance in that building. The arrangements for the affair were in charge of a committee composed of the following gentlemen: Isaiah Ohl, president; Boyd Prentiss, secretary; Charles Hartman, treasurer, and Frank R. Drake, Augustus Hagenmyer, Thos. Metheral, John Corbett and Boyd Fry, and to their very careful attention to every little detail is attributed the magnificent success of the event.

La Tourette's orchestra furnished the music and the selections were all well chosen and rendered in good time.

New Officers for Irondale Electric Light Company.

Dr. W. M. Reber is now president of the new Irondale Electric light, Heat & Power Company. The recent death of William S. Moyer made the office vacant and Dr. Reber was elected to it at a meeting of the company Monday evening. Robert L. Runyon was elected to the treasurership, Dr. Reber's former office, and C. A. Kleim was made a director of the company. The company has been very much put back with the work out at the plant, owing to the high water. The cement work at the forebay has been finished, however, and the wheels are now being placed in position.

We wish all our subscribers and patrons a Merry Christmas.

Saturday Morning,
December 27th
WE COMMENCE OUR CLEARANCE SALE OF ALL
Suits and Overcoats.
1-3 OFF ON ALL SUITS AND COATS
Ben Gidding,
Up-to-date Clothier,
Bloomsburg, = Penna.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business Nov. 25th, 1902.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments,	$448,810.34	Capital Stock, - -	$60,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures, -	8,000.00	Surplus and Profits,(Net)	43,134.23
Cash and Reserve, - -	95,343.63	Circulation, - - -	60,000.00
		Individual Deposits, -	386,545.12
		Bank Deposits - - -	2,474.62
	$552,153.97		$552,153.97

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT. WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

[READ MY AD ON 5TH PAGE.]

BRIC-A-BRAC AND FANCY CHINA,

Our customers can spend a pleasant hour in this department of our store in studying the collections of

Art, Bric-a-Brac and Fancy China.

We have kept in mind the general demand for really artistic goods at moderate cost, and while the stock contains some elaborate and expensive pieces, it is made up mainly of the more practical sorts

At Popular Prices.

A glance through our stock will satisfy our customers that our prices are secure from competition.

J. Lee Martin,
Jeweler and Optician.
Telephone 1842.

J. G. WELLS,

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Coal is scarce and high in price, but our stock bought for the Christmas trade will be sold at very low prices, such as

Cutlery, Nickle Ware, Delph Ware Skates, Games, Mechanical Toys, Bath Room Fixtures.

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FOR SALE BY

J. G. Wells,
General Hardware,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

To William S. Moyer, President of the Farmers National Bank.

The board of directors of the Farmers National Bank, express their sorrow for the death of William S. Moyer, president of the bank, and spread upon the minutes their tribute to his memory.

His high sense of honor, and unswerving integrity drew to him hosts of friends.

His daily life plumbed by the line of rectitude, always with an honest respect for the rights of others, inspired confidence and faith in his words and acts, and his many friendships were the evidence of the close ties and strong associations he formed.

As a citizen Mr. Moyer was active in the improvement of the town and community, and ever ready in a substantial manner to promote matters of general interest.

President of the bank from its organization he displayed unusual business acumen, sound judgment in financial matters, a broad knowledge of men and affairs, and in his death the bank loses a most efficient officer, and the board a conscientious member, who by his uniform courtesy and kindly manner made the association pleasant, and its reverence a sincere regret.

H. A. McKILLIP,
N. U. FUNK,
DR. J. J. BROWN, } Com.

NORMAL EXCURSIONISTS MEET PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

The Normal School excursion to the National Capital returned Friday evening, arriving in Bloomsburg at nine o'clock. The trip throughout was a delightful one. Everybody was very much pleased with the kind and courteous treatment received at all the points visited. On Thursday afternoon, the party together with one hundred and fifty teachers from Susquehanna County had the honor of meeting President Roosevelt. When Valley Forge was reached on the return trip, a stop of sufficient time to permit a visit to Washington's famous headquarters, was made.

The Leader. ⁞ The Leader. ⁞ The Leader.

Christmas

For the festive occasion, we have made extra arrangements at considerable expense. We have gotten our building ready for the crowds that favor us with their presence during the month of December. Under a gigantic umbrella, 18 feet spread, we have arrrnged our toys. The pleasure of seeing our artistic arrangements will repay you for a visit and the child will be de lighted.

BOOKS As usual we have a line of all the best selling books at wholesale prices. Nothing better for Christmas gifts.

THE LEADER DEPARTMENT STORE.

Sleeply Hollow Chairs.
$20.00, $25.00, $43.00,
Cure for insomnia.

ROCKING CHARS.
Golden Oak, Quartered Oak $2.00 up to $10.00.

COMBINATION DESKS.
17.00, 22.00, 28.00 48.00.
A useful present.

MUSIC CABINETS.
20.00, 21.00, 25.00, 30.00.
A beautiful parlor ornament.

DOLLS—A very large family for adoption this year, From 5c to 50c.

GAMES—A large line of iron toys. Indestructable and will last years.

CROKINOLE-for 1.00. We have a combination board upon which 26 games can be played for 1.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS. In a speciallly designed fancy box. The box itself is a beauty and designs are private to us.

The Leader Store Company Ltd.,
4th and Market Streets.

CROSS THE ATLANTIC

Wireless Messages Sent From New World to Old.

MARCONI ANNOUNCES HIS TRIUMPH

The Inventor Sends Out the Intelligence That He Has Now Established Communication Between Cape Breton and Cornwall.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17.—After eight experiments conducted with the greatest secrecy Marconi announces that he has solved the problem of wireless transoceanic communication and has successfully transmitted wireless messages from the shores of Canada to the coast of England.

The formal announcement of this achievement was made by the inventor himself when he stated that the wireless messages had been successfully transmitted and forwarded from the governor general of Canada to King Edward VII. of Great Britain and to the king of Italy.

Dr. George R. Parkin, a principal of Upper Canada college and a trustee of the Rhodes scholarship, was present when one of the successful tests was made.

Prior to December, 1901, the greatest distance covered by wireless telegraphy scarcely exceeded 100 miles. Early in that year Marconi visited Newfoundland and from Signal hill commenced experimenting with Cornwall. On Dec. 12 and 13 faint signals of the letter "S" repeated several times were caught by ear only with the aid of telephones.

Later on Marconi, on board the steamship Philadelphia, bound for America, succeeded in establishing communication with Cornwall, a distance of 2,100 miles. Transoceanic messages were also received on board the Carlo Alberto while the warship lay at anchor in Sydney harbor on Oct. 31. Since then Marconi has been perfecting the apparatus at Table Head.

He met with innumerable difficulties there, but at last succeeded in sending a transoceanic wireless message from Canada to Cornwall, a distance of 2,300 miles. The Carlo Alberto, the Italian warship, which had been given by the king of Italy to Marconi to assist him in his experiments, some days ago was ordered to proceed to Venezuela, but as her immediate departure would seriously retard Marconi's operations, the order was modified and she was held at Sydney until transatlantic communication was successfully accomplished. She now has sailed for Venezuela to take part in the blockade operations.

TALKING ACROSS THE SEA.

London Has Been Communicating With Marconi For a Week.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The representatives of the Marconi company say they have been receiving transatlantic messages for a week. They add that messages to King Edward and others sent Sunday came through without a hitch and practically instantaneously. The instant the key was depressed in Nova Scotia the receiver at Poldhu, Cornwall, answered it.

It is calculated that the company will be able to handle 1,000 words per hour. So soon as it is able to get the postoffice authorities to connect Poldhu with the inland telegraph the company will commence regular commercial business between Cornwall and Nova Scotia.

Never Out by Daylight.

OCEANIC, N. J., Dec. 19.—Owen McCarton, a rich recluse of Oceanic, N. J., has just died, seventy years old. Though he had spent forty years at Oceanic, he was scarcely known to any one except the members of his own family. For thirty years he had not crossed the threshold of his dwelling between sunrise and sunset because of an election bet. During the presidential campaign of 1872 between Grant and Greeley McCarton was one of the latter's most enthusiastic supporters. He made a bet with a friend that if Grant was elected he would not leave his house except during the night as long as he lived. McCarton lived up to his wager.

Car of Christmas Mail Burned.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 22.—A carload of Christmas mail en route for the west was burned yesterday. The loss was reported by the crew of mail clerks arriving here from New York on the fast mail, No. 3, on the New York Central, which left New York at 8:45 a. m. Only twenty or thirty out of 700 or 800 pouches were saved, the burned mail being for Chicago and points farther west, including the Philippine and Fiji islands. The mail was in a storage car, which carried no clerks. The crew was on the car behind and discovered the fire between Peekskill and Highland. The car was left burning at the latter station.

Preacher Turns Saloon Keeper.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Rev. George K. MacDonald, who until two weeks ago was pastor of the East Avenue Baptist church, in Long Island City, has abandoned the pulpit for the bar, but not the bar of which Marshall, Jay and Choate have been illustrious American ornaments. He has purchased a saloon in the Bronx, has fitted it up elaborately and is doing a large retail liquor business.

Twenty-five Dead in Railway Wreck.

MARTINEZ, Cal., Dec. 22.—As a result of a rear end collision between the Stockton flier and the Owl train on the Southern Pacific at Byron twenty-five deaths already have been recorded.

Ice Out of the Hudson.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The ice has gone out of the river here, and the level of the

THERE IS NO SUBS

FACING STARVATION.

Four Million People in Finland Are Destitute.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The average grain crop gathered in Finland is valued at $30,000,000. The estimated value of the 1902 crop is $20,000,000. While this loss is generally distributed throughout Finland it is almost total in the northern third of the country, where are the provinces of Uleaborg, Kuopio, Vasa, St. Michael and portions of Viborg. Peas and beans generally have failed, and the potato crop has not been gathered. The hay has rotted or been swept away by floods.

The disaster is due to the late spring, the nearly continuous chilly rains and the early frost, which was recorded Aug. 10. In the north there have been only half a dozen days when it did not rain. The rains also spoiled the fishing. So complete was the failure of vegetation that dead birds by the hundreds have been found in the forests. The present crop failure is the worst that has been experienced for the last fifty years. It is hoped, however, that better methods of communication will facilitate the work of relief and avoid wholesale deaths by hunger and typhus.

Pastor Kilburn of St. Petersburg has just returned from a sledge journey through Kuopio province. He found 1,900 school children who were in need of food. Of this number 1,155 were totally destitute. It is estimated that 400,000 will be without food after Christmas.

A PRINCESS MISSING.

Great Excitement In Saxony—All Europe Searched.

DRESDEN, Saxony, Dec. 23.—The crown princess of Saxony fled from her home during the night of Dec. 11-12. The Dresden Journal says:

"The princess, in a state of intense mental excitement, suddenly deserted her family at Salzburg and went abroad. The Saxon court functions for the winter, including the New Year's reception, have been canceled."

The foregoing paragraph in the official journal, which was inserted by order of the king and crown prince of Saxony, has turned into truth what for several days past has been regarded as an incredible tale. The crown princess of Saxony, surrounded by her ladies in waiting and numerous attendants and servants of the royal household, has vanished so utterly that the police of every kingdom of Europe have for ten days been unable to trace her.

The above official announcement was made in order to obtain the aid of the general public in finding the princess and because the court fiction that she preferred to remain in retirement at Salzburg rather than to return to her husband and children at Dresden cannot longer be maintained.

The theory of suicide was suggested, and a fruitless search for the princess' body has been made. All the ponds and other pieces of water in the vicinity of the castle have been dragged without result.

SWINDLERS IN JAIL.

Entire Humbert Family of Paris Notoriety Caught In Madrid.

MADRID, Dec. 22.—When Mme. Humbert and other members of the Humbert family, who became notorious in connection with the great safe frauds in Paris, were arrested here, one of the family handed a package containing $48,000 to some people who lived in the same house with them. This package has been sent to the French consulate.

Inspector Caro, who made the arrests, has been promoted. It has been ascertained that the police made a clean haul of the whole family—Mme. Humbert, her husband, Eva Humbert and the three D'Aurignacs, Romain, Emile and Marie.

Boers Coming to America.

DENVER, Dec. 19.—Nearly 9,000 Boers, it is said, are preparing to "trek" to America and will settle in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. The representative of this movement is General Samuel Pearson, late quartermaster general of the South African Republic, whose headquarters are in New York. Colorado friends of the Boers have been in communication with General Pearson in regard to suitable lands for the settlers, and General M. De Villiers, who is looking over the lands, has expressed himself as very favorably impressed with this state.

Can Pierce Heart Without Danger.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—After a series of experiments covering a period of more than five years J. Bryon Coakley, a well known vivisectionist of Chicago, has discovered that to administer local treatment to the heart is not the impossibility the world's scientists have always held it to be. By means of a fine, hollow golden needle seven or eight inches long which he terms an "organotone," Dr. Coakley not only has been able to pierce the heart without causing death, but to inject into it various fluids without subjecting the patient to the slightest danger.

Heart on Wrong Side.

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Dec. 22.—The heart of Ernest Rupert is on the wrong side—that is to say, it is on the right side. Physicians are startled at the discovery, but one after another they have examined the young man and satisfied themselves that this anatomical anomaly is real. Rupert has been examined by physicians of more than local repute. They found that not only Rupert's heart, but all of his internal organs are transposed.

Plenty of Snow There.

PORT HENRY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Between three and four feet of snow covers the ground in the Cold river region, the extensive lumber territory of the Adirondacks.

HAS NOT ACCEPTED

Mr. Roosevelt as Arbitrator Would Please Powers.

PRESIDENT NOT INCLINED TO ACT.

General Opinion at Washington Is That the Venezuelan Difficulty Should Go to The Hague Tribunal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt has not accepted the position of arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. In fact at latest reports he had not received, formally or officially, a request from the European powers that he act as arbitrator of the dispute. These statements are made on the highest authority.

In an informal manner the president has been notified that the European powers intimately concerned in the present South American difficulty desire that he should undertake the responsibility of acting as arbitrator of the points at issue between them and Venezuela. Thus far they merely have been taking "soundings" with a view probably of ascertaining how he would receive a formal proffer to act as arbitrator. The president so soon as he received the first intimation that he was desired as arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy expressed emphatically his judgment that the matters to be arbitrated should be referred to The Hague tribunal. His view of the suggestions made has been conveyed to the European powers, together with a strong presentation of his reasons for the view he holds. No response of a formal nature to these representations has been received.

The president and Secretary Hay had a long conference after the former's return from his Virginia trip. They carefully went over the situation as it had developed since Saturday, but it is understood that nothing has arisen to warrant the president in changing his opinion as to the undesirability of his acceptance of the position of arbitrator. So far as can be learned no specific reasons have been advanced by the European powers for objecting to a reference of the Venezuelan questions to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. It is held by the administration that the tribunal at The Hague was constituted to arbitrate just such controversies as that which has arisen between Venezuela and the powers and that it would be desirable from every viewpoint that the present dispute should go to that tribunal for adjudication. How strong tribunal for adjudication.

American Capital In Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Five hundred million dollars gold is the amount of American capital invested in Mexico by 1,117 American companies, firms and individuals, according to estimates carefully prepared by Consul General A. D. Barlow at the City of Mexico. Practically all of this amount has been invested within the past five years. Seventy per cent of the total is invested in railroads, all of the lines in the country but three being owned by American capital. American mining interests come next, the total investment reaching $80,000,000, a large part of which has been expended on up to date mining machinery. Twenty-eight millions of American capital is invested in agriculture, which comes next to mining. Manufactures rank fifth in the list of American investments there.

Nine Amendments Framed.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 20.—The convention for the revision of the constitution of the state has concluded its labors and taken final adjournment. It has framed nine amendments to the constitution. These provide for the prohibition of trusts, for the extension of the suffrage to women, for a tax upon inheritances and franchises, for an educational qualification of the suffrage, to strike the word Protestant from the bill of rights, to establish voting precincts, to place representation in the legislature upon a new basis, to extend the criminal jurisdiction of police courts and to require the examination of commissioned officers in the militia.

A Corner In Turkeys.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 20.—The turkey crop of Indiana is cornered in Indianapolis. The promoters of the corner have secured control of the bulk of the turkeys now in the state. They have operated through dealers in the country, buying only dressed stock. This has been placed in cold storage. The turkeys cannot be had by Indianapolitans at any price, as they are intended for the New York market. A representative of a New York firm has managed the deal. He says he has now in storage about 500,000 pounds of turkeys which, he says, comprises practically all the dressed turkeys in Indianapolis.

His Life Heavily Insured.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 19.—It has developed that R. C. Whayne, a Louisville business man, who was found dead in the vicinity of Jacob park with a gunshot wound in the breast, carried insurance on his life of $340,000 and had applications pending for $50,000 more. Near Mr. Whayne's body, but on the opposite side of a wire fence, was a shotgun with one barrel empty and the other loaded and cocked. His friends and family declare that death was due to accident and that the gun was discharged while he was climbing through the fence. The coroner will investigate.

Dr. Lorenz In Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The famous Austrian physician, Dr. Adolph Lorenz, reached Boston yesterday. During the afternoon he held a clinic at the Children's hospital to illustrate his bloodless method of treating congenital dislocation of the hip.

MRS. GRANT AT REST.

Remains Placed by Husband's Side In the Riverside Mausoleum.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Literally buried beneath the floral tributes of her friends and those of her illustrious husband, the body of Mrs. Julia Dent Grant now lies beside that of her husband, General Ulysses S. Grant, in the Grant tomb, erected by an admiring nation.

The funeral services at the tomb lasted but little more than twenty minutes. They were conducted jointly by Bishops E. G. Andrews and Alexander Mackay-Smith, bishop coadjutor of Pennsylvania.

The reading of the burial service, a short prayer and a benediction comprised almost the entire service.

Two hymns were beautifully sung by a quartet. General Horatio C. King, who was a lifelong friend and associate of the general and Mrs. Grant, conducted the singing.

The body was carried to the sarcophagus and lowered to the bottom without ceremony of any kind. The lid of the sarcophagus, which weighs about five tons, had been raised some three feet. As soon as the coffin was in place a thin layer of cement was spread along the edge of the sarcophagus and the cover lowered.

Among those who attended the services were General and Mrs. F. D. Grant, U. S. Grant, Mrs. Sartoris, U. S. Grant, Jr., Jesse Grant, Miss Sartoris, Commander Sharp, Grant Smith, Midshipman Jesse Sharp, Mrs. Scovel, Miss Julia Grant and Miss Mary E. Coffey, for many years the faithful maid of Mrs. Grant. Several hundred invitations were issued. Every available inch of space inside the mausoleum was occupied, and a huge throng surged to and fro for several blocks about the marble edifice.

Secretary of War Root was one of the pallbearers.

Education In New York State.

ALBANY, Dec. 23.—According to a statistical summary just issued by the state department of public instruction, the total amount expended for the support of elementary, secondary and higher education in this state during the last school year was $49,331,557, of which secondary education cost $8,628,225, high schools costing $4,445,083 and academies $2,182,625. The state paid 6.07 per cent of the cost of secondary education and 1.29 per cent of the cost of higher education. Teachers' salaries cost $22,716,330, an increase of over $1,200,000, the average annual salary being $17.69 more than that of the previous year, the average annual salary being $680.33. The average cost per pupil based on average daily attendance was $41.14, a decrease of .54, thus showing that the increase in expenditures has not kept pace with the increase in school attendance. Based on the census of 1900, the total cost of maintaining the public schools amounts to $5.14 for each man, woman and child in the state.

Unknown Burglar Dies In Jail.

MIDDLEBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—The burglar shot by Rev. D. B. Shellenberger at Bannerville, this county, on Nov. 30 died last evening in his cell at the county jail without revealing his name. When Dr. Herman, the attending physician, told him this week that he could not recover and asked if he had any friends he wished to see, the dying man maintained a stolid indifference and refused to disclose his identity. Rev. Mr. Shellenberger is the postmaster at Bannerville, and he shot the burglar while the latter was robbing the postoffice.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call firm at 5@6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange barely steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8650@4.86625 for demand and at $4.8275@4.83 for 60 day bills. Posted rates, $4.84 and $4.87½. Commercial bills, $4.82½@4.83¼. Bar silver, 48⅝c. Mexican dollars, 38¼c. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds firm. Closing prices:

Atchison.....	83¾	Ontario & West.	29¾
C.,C.,C.& St. L..	96⅞	Pacific Mail	39½
Ches. & Ohio...	47⅛	People's Gas ...	102
Del. & Hudson.	165	Reading	63⅝
Erie.....	34⅞	Rock Island	43½
Gen. Electric...	178	St. Paul	176¾
Lackawanna....	252	Sugar Refinery.	129¾
Lead.....	26½	Texas Pacific ..	40⅝
Louis. & Nash.	123⅜	Union Pacific ..	99½
Manhattan Con	146⅞	Wabash pref. ..	42½
Missouri Pac...	106⅝	West. Union ...	88¼
N. Y. Central...	153⅝		

New York Markets.

FLOUR—Neglected and unchanged with the undertone steady; Minnesota patents, $4@4.20; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; winter extras, $2.85@3.15; winter patents, $3.90@2.90.

WHEAT—Steady, but quiet, reflecting steadier cables, a big decrease on passage and less favorable Argentina news; May, 81 1-16@81 5-16c.; July, 78¾c.

RYE—Quiet; state, 56@56c., c. i. f., New York; No. 2 western, 58¾c., f. o. b., afloat.

CORN—Barely steady on account of clearing weather west, larger receipts and easy cables; January, 53¾@54c.; May, 48⅝@48¼c.

OATS—Dull, but steady; track, white, state, 37½@43c.; track, white, western, 37½@43c.

PORK—Steady; mess, $18@18.50; family, $18.

LARD—Steady; prime western steam, 10.75c.

BUTTER—Steady at the decline; state dairy, 21@27½c.; extra creamery, 28c.

CHEESE—Strong; state, full cream, fancy, small, colored, September, 13¾c.; late make, 13@13¼c.; small, white, September, 13¾c.; late make, 13@13¼c.; large, colored, September, 13¾c.; late make, 13@13¼c.; large, white, September, 13¾c.; late make, 13@13¼c.

EGGS—Irregular; state and Pennsylvania, average best, 28c.; western, fancy graded, 26c.

SUGAR—Raw steady; fair refining, 3 7-16c.; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 5-16c.; refined steady; crushed, 5.45c.; powdered, 4.95c.

TURPENTINE—Firm at 55@55½c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, 32@40c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, 4¼@5¼c.; Japan, 4⅜@5¼c., nominal.

TALLOW—Dull; city, 5¼c.; country, 6@6¼c.

HAY—Firm.

Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Market steady; choice, $5.75@5.90; prime, $5.40@5.60; good, $5@5.20; veal calves, $8@8.50.

HOGS—Market higher; prime heavies, $6.45@6.55; mediums, $6.25@6.30; heavy Yorkers, $6.15@6.20; light Yorkers, $6.05@6.10; pigs, $6@6.05; roughs, $5@5.10.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market slow; best wethers, $3.75@4; culls and common, $1.50@2; choice lambs, $5.40@5.60.

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Beef (quarter), per pound	6 to 8
Wheat, per bushel	1 00
Oats, do	40
Rye, do	60
Flour per bbl.	4.00 to 4 40
Hay, per ton	15 00
Potatoes, (new), per bushel	70
Turnips, do	40
Tallow, per pound	06
Shoulder, do	12
Side meat, do	18
Vinegar, per qt	05
Dried apples, per pound	05
Cow hides, do	3½
Steer do do	05
Calf skin	80
Sheep pelts	75
Shelled corn, per bushel	80
Corn meal, cwt.	2 00
Bran, cwt.	1 20
Chop, cwt.	1 50
Middlings, cwt	1 40
Chickens, per pound, new	10
do do old	10
Turkeys do	15
Geese, do	14
Ducks, do	11
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Liquor Tax for Soda Water.

Commissioner Yerkes, of the internal revenue bureau, has given a decision in which he rules that druggists and others who sell soda water drinks, claret soda or similar beverages to which distilled spirit, wine or any compounds thereof are added in any quantity, however small, are required to pay special tax as retail liquor dealers under the internal revenue laws.

Under the old ruling druggists were allowed to add to soda water and other soft drinks an inappreciable quantity of distilled spirits or wines for flavoring purposes. The former ruling is revoked to take effect January 1, 1903.

The commissioner also has decided that producers of sweet wines, who are not distillers, may withdraw wine spirits (grape brandy) from special bonded warehouses free of tax to fortify their wines.

Genuine Craveratt rain coats $25 at Ben Gidding's.

Less Danger of a Flood.

Colder weather will prevent rush of water into the Susquehanna. The chances of a flood on the Susquehanna river seemed to be diminished last night by the probabilities of cooler weather which would cause a freeze and stop the sudden running of the snow water. The weather map, however, Weather Bureau Observer Demain said, exhibited all sorts of curious streaks. Thus for instance a line of temperature, forty degrees, ran up from Galveston, Texas, to Buffalo, N. Y. then turned and ran down to Louisville. Ky. where it again looped and ran up to Portland, Maine. Elsewhere West it was generally cooler, with zero weather in the extreme West.

You can see some nice things in box paper, and it is always a very useful present, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Coal Famine Still Exists.

Despite the efforts of the coal companies to mine and rush all the coal possible to market, a coal famine exists in many towns and cities not directly on the lines of the coal roads. It is impossible to buy a full ton of coal in these towns—black diamonds being parceled out by the bushel.

Eighteen styles of type for calling cards can be seen at this office. A pack of calling cards makes a nice Christmas gift. 11-2t

The next holiday on the Jewish calendar will be the "Feast of Chanukha," on December 25, which will be observed by the Jews throughout the world. The holiday is in the commemoration of the victory under the command of Judas Maccabes, the Greek. On the first day one candle is lighted and each day another is added until eight are burning.

Men's Hosiery in all kinds at Ben Gidding's.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office January 6, 1902. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised Dec. 23, 1902":

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CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and Tersely Told.

The defeat of the Bolivian revolutionists on the Acre river has been announced.

Hundreds of tons of rock from Storm King mountain fell on the West Shore track above West Point.

General Miles was entertained by Russian officials at Port Arthur and sent to Taku on a warship.

A franchise has been granted for a trolley line from Buffalo to Westfield, N. Y., a distance of sixty-five miles.

Fifty passengers on a Burlington train were rescued after being buried under ten feet of snow for twenty hours.

Monday, Dec. 22.

The Princess of Wales has given birth to a son.

A fire at Knoxville, Tenn., destroyed property valued at $500,000.

Seven miners were crushed to death by falling slate in a mine at Inman, Va.

Mr. Choate, the American ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Choate have arrived at Constantinople.

The worst blizzard since 1895 has been general throughout eastern Colorado and Wyoming and western Nebraska and Kansas. The average snowfall was eleven inches.

The Standard Oil company's plant, located at Seventeenth street and the Rock Island tracks, Chicago, was practically destroyed, with the 3,000 barrels of oil which it contained.

Saturday, Dec. 20.

Ambassador Tower presented his credentials to Emperor William.

The czar of Russia has granted amnesty to students banished to Siberia for creating disturbances.

Colonel Arthur Lynch, member of parliament for Galway, was indicted for high treason for fighting with the Boers.

In New York Thomas Sharkey was found guilty of manslaughter in the second degree in causing the death of Banker Nicholas Fish.

Nearly a thousand persons were killed by the earthquake at Andijan, Russian Central Asia. The dead were nearly all native Turcomans.

Governor A. T. Bliss of Michigan announced that he would not permit the McGovern-Corbett fight, which was to have been held in Detroit next month before the Metropolitan Athletic club.

Friday, Dec. 19.

A Toronto beggar died in the hospital there worth $100,000.

The Midway at the St. Louis fair has been leased for $430,000.

General Nord, proclaimed president of Haiti by the army, took possession of the national palace at Port au Prince.

Parliament was prorogued until Feb. 17, after a speech from King Edward recapitulating events of concern to the British empire since January.

Thursday, Dec. 18.

The American board of foreign missions has raised $845,105 during the year.

The Darmstardter bank of Berlin was defrauded of $175,000 by a bookkeeper.

J. Reiff, the American jockey, got a $200 verdict in Paris in his suit against Vie au Grande Air.

Queen Alexandra stood as godmother to Lord Mandeville, heir to the Manchester title and Zimmerman millions.

The United States minister to Korea has demanded payment by that country of $1,500,000 due to builders of an electric railroad.

The Kentucky court of appeals has granted a new trial to James Howard, under life sentence for the murder of Governor Goebel.

The rebellion in the province of Kwangsi, China, is reported as alarming. Government troops under Marshal Su were defeated, with a heavy loss.

Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Employees in the car shops at Pullman, Ill., have refused to work on Sunday.

It is estimated that the Hillsboro (N. M.) bank lost $20,000 in the robbery there.

Comptroller Ridgley has closed the National Bank of South Pennsylvania at Hyndman.

Twenty-four Macedonian workmen have been killed by Turkish frontier guards near Sofia.

A maniac in Lapere, Mich., killed a boarder, wounded his mother and sister and committed suicide.

General Bliss has arrived in Washington from Havana, bringing the reciprocity treaty signed last week.

Three bank robbers were ambushed at Alvord, Tex. One was killed, one fatally wounded and the third captured.

Five Boodlers Get Five Years.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—The joint trial of five former members of the house of delegates, which began Tuesday, ended last night in a verdict of five years in the penitentiary for each man. The defendants, John A. Sheridan, Charles J. Denny, Charles Gutke, Edmund Bersch and T. E. Albright, were convicted on charges of bribery in connection with the passage of the suburban street car bill, to accomplish which, it was charged, $75,000 had been placed on deposit to be used as required.

Treaty Will Go to Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt has let it be known that before he reached his decision to send the Cuban reciprocity treaty to the senate and not to the house he consulted freely the leaders of the house and the members of his cabinet. After mature consideration it was determined that it was unnecessary to send the Cuban treaty to the house, notwithstanding the fact that it affected revenues of the government. Precedents were looked up carefully,

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, December 22, 1902.

The democrats in Congress have determined to give to the president and his advisors a free hand in dealing with the Venezuelan situation. They say that they do not desire to embarass the administration and, as they are so much in the minority, it would, in any event, be impossible for them to force their views on their opponents. At the same time, there is a strong undercurrent of feeling in the Capitol. It is believed that the President is permitting his admiration for Emperor William and King Edward to outweigh his loyalty to the Monroe Doctrine and that Venezuela is the sufferer. While Secretary Hay and Senator Cullom say that the Monroe Doctrine will not be violated, it is claimed by several democratic statesmen that it is a condition and not a theory that confronts this country and that the Doctrine was violated by the sinking of the Venzuelan battleships and the firing on La Guayra. The tendency of the Secretary of State to truckle to Great Britain has long been recognized and it is believed that his advice to the President is anything but sound.

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This sentiment found expression in an executive session of the Senate on Tuesday when Senator Teller demanded of Senator Cullom, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, a statement of the facts. This, Senator Cullom adroitly avoided, but assured his colleagues that there was every reason to believe that, at the instance of the United States, the Allies would submit their claims to arbitration by the Hague in the near future. As there is no longer a quorum of the Senate in Washington it was deemed advisable to postpone all congressional action, at least until after the holidays, with the hope that the predictions of the Senator from Illinois might come true.

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In the meantime, the President is making the present situation a pretext for urging Congress to appropriate for six new battleships during this session. With this end in view he has entertained a number of congressmen at a dinner at which he presented his views and advanced the proposition that it was futile for Congress to expect the President to uphold the Monroe Doctrine without maintaining a navy of the first class.

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Secretary Root is actively lobbying for his two bills, one providing for the reorganization of the army and the other for the reorganization of the militia, the latter with a view to establishing a reserve force of perhaps 500,000 men who can be called upon for active service by the President whenever Congress shall declare war. The democrats have discovered a number of provisions in the latter bill which they have shown to be unconstitutional and the Secretary is now actively engaged in trying to circumvent their objections. Senator Proctor has been won over to the side of Mr. Root and is assisting him in every way possible.

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A remarkable instance of the extravagance of the present administration was revealed by the exposure, by Senator Morgan, of the expenses and remuneration of the Isthmian Canal Commission. To the great surprise of the senators, Mr. Morgan stated that the members of the commission were still drawing salaries to the amount of $1,000 per month notwithstanding the fact that their duties practically ceased when they handed to the President, nearly a year ago, their last report on the Panama route. Senator Morgan stated that the Commission, after spending, during an entire year, but two months on the isthmus had drawn funds to cover their expenses to the amount of $1,075,000. It will be remembered that this commission reports directly to the President to whom alone it is responsible, so that Congress has not incurred any responsibility in the matter.

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Senator Morgan is seeking to interest the War Department in a project which he hopes will go a long way towards settling the negro question in the South. His idea is to colonize the negroes in the Philippine Islands. He would go so far as to give to each head of a family the traditional "twenty acres" of land and would furnish transportation to the islands. He believes that in this way the South could be relieved of its burden of negro citizens and the Philippines would, perhaps, be benefitted while he is sure the negroes themselves would be. There they could enjoy citizenship and work out their own salvation.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE

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BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

In effect Jan. 26, 1902.

STATIONS.	EAST. A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
NORTHUMBERLAND	10 35	1 30	10 00	5 25
Cameron	6 47	12 41	10 10	10 34
Danville	6 57	12 11	10 19	5 43
Catawissa	7 10	12 23	10 32	5 56
Rupert	7 16	12 29	10 37	6 01
Bloomsburg	7 20	12 33	10 41	6 05
Espy	7 28	12 40	10 48	6 13
Lime Ridge	7 35	12 46	10 54	6 20
Willow Grove	7 40	12 50	10 57	6 24
Briarcreek	7 44	12 53	10 59	6 27
Berwick	7 50	12 58	11 05	6 34
Beach Haven	7 58	1 03	11 12	6 41
Hick's Ferry	8 07	1 09	11 17	6 47
Shickshinny	8 17	1 20	11 31	6 59
Hunlock's	8 27	1 31	11 39	7 09
Nanticoke	8 34	1 38	11 44	7 14
Avondale	8 37	1 42	11 47	7 22
Plymouth	8 44	1 47	11 52	7 28
Plymouth Junction	8 47	1 54	11 55	7 31
Kingston	8 55	1 59	11 59	7 38
Bennett	8 58	2 03	12 02	7 42
Forty Fort	9 00	2 07	12 04	7 44
Wyoming	9 05	2 12	12 08	7 48
West Pittston	9 10	2 17	12 12	7 53
Susquehanna Ave	9 13	2 20	12 14	7 56
Pittston	9 19	2 24	12 17	8 01
Duryea	9 23	2 29	12 20	8 06
Lackawanna	9 26	2 32	12 22	8 10
Taylor	9 32	2 40	12 28	8 17
Bellevue	9 37	2 45	12 32	8 21
SCRANTON	9 42	2 50	12 35	8 25
	A.M	P.M.	P.M	P.M

STATIONS.	WEST. A.M.	A.M	P.M.	P.M.
SCRANTON	6 35	1	1 55	6 10
Bellevue	6 39		1 59	6 14
Taylor	6 43		2 03	6 18
Lackawanna	7	10 24	2 10	6 24
Duryea	6	10 28	2 13	6 26
Pittston	6 57	10 33	2 17	6 30
Susquehanna Ave	7 00	10 37	2 19	6 32
West Pittston	7 03	10 41	2 23	6 35
Wyoming	7 08	10 46	2 27	6 40
Forty Fort	7 12	10 49	2 31	6 43
Bennett	7 15	10 52	2 34	6 47
Kingston	7 21	10 56	2 40	6 53
Plymouth	7 26	10 00	2 45	6 58
Avondale	7 35	11 05	2 49	7 03
Nanticoke	7 39	11 09	2 54	7 08
Hunlock's	7 45	11 15	2 58	7 14
Shickshinny	7 45	11 19	3 06	7 21
Beach Haven	8 07	11 31	3 20	7 31
Berwick	8 13	11 43	3 30	7 41
Briarcreek	8 19	11 48	3 37	7 48
Willow Grove	8 23	11 54	3 44	7 53
Lime Ridge	8 27	11 01	3 50	8 00
Espy	8 31	12 05	3 54	8 03
Bloomsburg	8 37	12 09	3 58	8 07
Rupert	8 44	12 22	4 06	8 17
Catawissa	8 47	12 22	4 12	8 20
Danville	8 54	12 25	4 15	8 25
Cameron	9 06	12 32	4 22	8 37
Cattawissa		12 44	4 33	
Canlasky	9 21	12 57	4 48	8 52
Cameron	9 35	1 10	5 00	9 05
NORTHUMBERLAND	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.

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SOUTH.— ARRIVE. a.m	a.m.	pm	p.m.	B. & S. R. R. STATIONS.	am	pm	pm	—NORTH LEAVE a.m
7.10	12.10	6.00	2.15	Bloomsbu'g	8.50	2.87	6.25	6.10
7.08	12.08	5.55	2.10	" P. & F	8.52	2.39	6.27	
7.03	12.02	5.53	2.08	" Main st.	8.55	2.42	6.30	
7.53	11.53	5.42	1 50	Paper Mill	9.05	2.52	6.40	
6.50	11.50	5.39	1.45	..Light St.	9.08	2.55	6.44	6.37
6.40	11.42	5.31	1.30	Orangeville	9.16	3.03	6.53	6.50
6.29	11.34	5.21	1.00	...Forks...	9.26	3.13	6.03	7.10
6.25	11.29	5.17	12.53	...Zaner's..	9.30	3.17	6.07	7.35
6.18	11.21	5.08	12.45	Stillwater	9.88	3.25	6.19	7.45
6.08	11.13	5.00	12.35	...Benton..	9.46	3.33	7.23	8.00
6.04	11.09	4.56	12.10	...Edson's...	9.50	3.37	7.27	8.30
6.02	11.06	4.53	12.05	..Cole's Cr'k	9.53	3.40	7.31	8.40
6.58	11.02	4.48	11.58	..Laubach..	9.58	3.45	7.41	8.46
5.43	10.51	4.38	11.45	...Central	10.05	3.52	7.51	9.00
5.40	10.48	4.35	11.30	Jam. City.	10.08	3.55	7.55	29.5
am	am	pm	pm		am	pm	pm	a.m
LEAVE				Corrected to Jan. 30, 1902				ARRIVE

Senator Quay has made a gallant fight during the past week for the admission of the three territories to whom statehood was promised in the national platform of both parties. He has met with severe opposition from Senator Beveridge and his supporters but in no instance have they gained any advantage over him. On Tuesday it was determined by mutual consent to postpone further consideration of the measures until Jan. 5. the day on which Congress will reconvene. Senator Quay still insists that he will win and there are many members of the Senate who agree with him, although the republican machine is exerting every effort to accomplish his defeat.

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The new Cuban treaty has been received in Washington and forwarded to the Senate. While there is likely to be little open opposition to the bill, on the floor of the members of the Foreign Relations committee are endeavoring to open up a discussion which will at least postpone the ratification of the treaty and which may be so prolonged as to defer its ratification until after the 4th of March. This discussion, will involve the question whether the Executive and the Senate can effect a treaty which virtually reduces the tariff without the consent of the House. Of course the House is loud in its protestations of the negative and many senators are equally positive of the affirmative.

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For Catawissa weekdays 7.37, 8.38, 11.30 a. m 12.20, 5.00, 6.30, p. m.

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Leave Pottsville 12.30 p. m.

Leave Tamaqua 1.49 p. m.,

Leave Williamsport weekdays 10.13 a m., 4.2 p m.

Leave Catawissa weekdays, 7.00, 8.21 9.10 a. m. 1.40 4.26, 6.08 p. m.

Leave Rupert, weekdays, 7.08, 8.28, 9.18 11.40 a. m., 1.38, 2.46, 6.21

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Sundays—A. M., 7.00, 7.00, 8.30, 10.00, 11.00. P. M., 4.45, 5.00.

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†10.45 A. M., Ex.	†a1.40 P. M.	†b4.10 P. M.
$1.30 P. M., Ex.	†b4.10 P. M.	$5.00 P. M.
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$5.00 P. M., Excl.		*8.45 A. M.
†c5.40 P. M.		†b4.10 P. M.
*7.15 P. M., Ex.		$5.00 P. M.
		†c5.40 P. M.

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Scranton (D. & H.)	lv	A. M. 6 38	A. M. 9 38	P. M. 1 42
Pittston	"	7 05	10 00	2 10
Wilkesbarre	lv	A. M. 7 25	A. M. 10 35	P. M. 2 45
Plym'th Ferry	"	7 32	10 42	2 52
Nanticoke	"	7 42	10 50	3 01
Mocanaqua	"	8 01	11 07	3 20
Wapwallopen	"	8 14	11 16	3 31
Nescopeck	ar	8 18	11 20	3 42
Pottsville	lv	A. M. 5 50		A. M. 11 55
Hazleton	"	7 05		12 52
Tomhicken	"	7 22		1 11
Fern Glen	"	7 29		1 18
Rock Glen	"	7 35		
Nescopeck	ar	8 00		1 45
Nescopeck	lv	A. M. 8 18	A. M. 11 26	P. M. 3 42
Creasy	"	8 30	11 36	3 52
Espy Ferry	"	f 8 32	11 40	f 4 02
E. Bloomsburg	"	8 47	11 50	4 06
Catawissa	ar	8 55	P. M. 11 57	4 13
Catawissa	lv	8 55	11 57	4 14
S. Danville	"	9 14	12 15	4 31
Sunbury	"	9 35	12 40	4 55
Sunbury	lv	A. M. 9 42	P. M. $12 48	P. M. $ 5 10
Lewisburg	ar	10 13	1 45	5 40
Milton	"	10 08	1 39	5 35
Williamsport	"	11 00	1 41	6 30
Lock Haven	"	11 59	2 20	7 31
Renovo	"	A. M.	3 00	8 30
Sunbury	lv	P. M. $12 10	P. M. 13 45	P. M. $ 5 10
Bellefonte	ar	1 05	14 44	5 40
Tyrone	"	2 20	16 00	5 35
Philipsburg	"	4 35	$8 02	6 30
Clearfield	"	5 25	18 45	7 31
Pittsburg	"	6 55	110 45	8 30
Sunbury	lv	A. M. $ 9 50	P. M. $ 1 59	P. M. $ 5 20
Harrisburg	ar	$11 30	$ 3 15	6 50
Philadelphia	ar	P. M. $ 3 17	P. M. 6 23	P. M. $10 20
Baltimore	"	3 11	6 00	9 45
Washington	"	4 10	7 15	10 55
Sunbury	lv	A. M. $10 00	P. M. $ 2 15	
Lewistown Jc	ar	P. M. 11 45		
Pittsburg	"	$ 6 55	A. M. $11 50	A. M. $ 1 50
Harrisburg	lv	A. M. $11 45	P. M. 15 00	P. M. $ 7 15
Pittsburg	ar	$ 6 55	A. M. $11 50	A. M. $ 1 50

‡ Weekdays. Daily. f Flag station.

Pittsburg	lv	P. M. $ 7 10	p. m. $ 9 00	a. m. $ 3 00	a. m. $ 8 00
Harrisburg	ar	A. M. $ 2 00	A. M. $ 4 20	129	P. M. $ 3 10
Pittsburg	lv		a. m.	p. m.	a. m. $ 8 00
Lewistown Jc.	"		$ 7 30		P. M. $ 3 00
Sunbury	ar		$ 9 20		$ 4 50
Washington	lv	p. m. $10 40	A. M.	A. M. $ 7 50	a. m $10 50
Baltimore	"	11 41	$ 4 40	$ 8 40	11 45
Philadelphia	"	11 20	$ 4 25	$ 8 30	11 40
Harrisburg	lv	A. M. $ 3 35	A. M. $ 7 55	A. M. $11 40	P. M. $ 3 20
Sunbury	ar	$ 5 00	$ 9 36	1 08	$ 5 05
Pittsburg	lv	P. M. $12 45		A. M. $ 3 00	A. M. $ 8 00
Clearfield	"	3 50			9 28
Philipsburg	"	4 40			10 12
Tyrone	"	7 00			$12 25
Bellefonte	"	8 16		9 32	$1 05
Lock Haven	ar	9 15		10 20	$ 2 10
Erie	lv	P. M. $ 5 35	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Kane	"	8 45		$ 6 00	
Renovo	"	$11 50	$ 6 45	10 30	
Lock Haven	"	12 38	$ 7 35	11 25	$ 3 05
Williamsport	"	A. M. 2 29	$ 8 30	$12 40	4 00
Milton	"	2 23	9 17	1 25	4 46
Lewisburg	"		9 05	1 15	4 42
Sunbury	ar	3 24	9 46	1 55	5 15
Sunbury	lv	A. M. 10 45	A. M. $ 9 55	P. M. $ 2 00	P. M. $ 5 25
S. Danville	"	11	10 17	2 21	5 50
Catawissa	"	7 32	10 35	2 36	6 08
E. Bloomsburg	"	7 37	10 43	2 43	6 15
Espy Ferry	"	7 42	$10 47		$ 6 19
Creasy	"	7 53	10 56	2 55	6 30
Nescopeck	ar	8 02	11 05	3 05	6 40
Catawissa	lv	A. M. 7 32	A. M. $10 38	P. M. 12 36	P. M. $ 7 05
Nescopeck	"	8 23			6 08
Rock Glen	ar		11 22	5 05	7 28
Fern Glen	"	8 51	11 28	5 32	7 34
Tomhicken	"	8 58	11 38	5 38	7 42
Hazleton	"	9 19	11 58	5 59	8 05
Pottsville	"	10 15		6 55	
Nescopeck	lv	A. M. $ 8 02	A. M. $11 05	P. M. $ 3 05	P. M. $ 6 40
Wapwallopen	ar	8 19	11 20	3 20	7 52
Mocanaqua	"	8 31	11 32	3 59	7 01
Nanticoke	"	8 53	11 54	3 49	7 19
Plym'th Ferry	"	9 03	P. M. 12 02	3 57	7 28
Wilkesbarre	"	9 10	12 10	4 05	8 35
Pittston (D. & H.)	ar	A. M. $ 9 39	P. M. $12 55	P. M. $ 4 56	P. M. $ 8 56
Scranton	"	10 08	1 24	5 24	9 05

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RESOURCES.

Loans	$294,144 47
U. S. Bonds	50,000.00
Banking House	27,560.43
Stocks and Securities	183,706.75
Cash & due from Banks & U.S.Tr.	109,217.53
Total	$664,629.18

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 50,000.00
Surplus	125,000 00
Undivided Profits	11,067.24
Circulation	50,000.00
Deposits	428,561.94
Total	$664,629.18

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Whence came the conception, the idea, or imagination (angel of light) that rolled the stone from sepulcher of superstition, and burst the tomb of ignorance asunder, from which arose the glory and splendor that crowns the achievement of human effort in every department of industrial, artistic and scientific activity? Ah! is it only imagination? or is it heaven born?

Is life, with all its vicissitudes of weals and woes, attended by all the trains of blessings and cures, the fruits of good, or evil deeds, only existing in the imagination? No. "Life is real, life is earnest."

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J. C. W.

THOS. H. GINGLES.

The people of Jerseytown and vicinity sincerely mourn the loss of one of their most esteemed citizens, Thomas H. Gingles, who departed this life on Monday December eighth. Mr. Gingles was ill but a short time and his rather sudden demise caused great sorrow among relatives and his many friends. There was probably no man in Madison township who was better known or more highly esteemed. Mr. Gingles was born and lived nearly all his life on a farm about 2½ miles south-west of Jerseytown. He served his township in the offices of School Director, Poor Director and Auditor a number of times each. In his case the office sought the man and not the man the office. In executing the duties of office his first and only consideration was, the best interests of the community he served. Not only was Mr. Gingles a man worthy of imitation in office, but in his business methods in general. He was upright in all his dealings, demanding what belonged to him and nothing more. In the true sense, he was a generous man. The writer never knew a man who was more ready than he to help those who were in need.

As a farmer he was the model of the community. It is doubtful if a neater and more progressive farmer can be found in the community. It was a common occurrence for those who were less successful and especially beginners in farming to seek his advice, which was always cheerfully given It is not putting it at all too strongly to say that many a man has attained greater success by following his example and advice.

Mr. Gingles married Miss Alice Dye of Exchange, Pa., in 1897. They had one child which died in infancy. The deceased is survived by the widow and one sister, Miss Sarah of Jerseytown, and one brother William of Bloomsburg.

Interment was made in the cemetery at the Derry Church, Dec. 11. Rev. Dr. Hemingway of Bloomsburg, officated. *

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last issue.

Harry Shipe of Trevorton and Miss Ethel Viola Cornelison of Pine Summit.

Elmer Lyson of Locust township and Miss Hannah M. Zahner, of Roaringcreek township.

Harry F. Strauser and Miss Hattie Breese, both of Bloomsburg.

D M. Keck and Miss Dora E. Hess, both of Berwick.

Geo. E. Dodson and Miss Anna E. Yeager, both of Millville.

A. L. Raup of Catawissa, and Miss Eva N. Shultz of Franklin township.

D. Ellsworth Bomboy and Miss Martha Pursell, both of Bloomsburg.

Harry C. Angle and Miss Florence Morton, both of Berwick.

William Mussleman and Miss Sadie Gruver, both of Greenwood township.

Maurice Gaumer of Berwick and Miss Hattie Stout of Briarcreek township.

Will Kerns of Catawissa, and Miss Clara Bidding of Franklin township.

Perry Fausey and Miss Della P. Watts, both of Greenwood township.

D. Frank Patterson and Miss Martha E. Rhone, both of Greenwood township.

Daniel Derr of Lime Ridge, and Miss Agnes M. Mensinger of Mainville.

William E. Dildine and Miss Edna N. Cole, both of Berwick.

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McCOLLUM FAMILY.

BENTON, PA., Dec. 6, 1902.
EDITOR COLUMBIAN,
DEAR SIR:

Having had a business occasion to visit Orangeville, on the above date, we called upon Miss Retta McCollum, a school pupil of ours in the year 1861-2, and subsequent school terms, for a social chat, and the renewing of old acquaintanceship. From her we learned that the McCollum family moved from Warnersville, or Iola, to the old school house, at the Belles graveyard, in Benton township, about the year 1846. But prior to this removal Mr. McCollum boarded with John C. Doty, while getting out and preparing timber to build a house, entirely in the woods, preparitory to clearing up a farm, known as the McCollum farm. Of the eleven children, John, I. K., Mary Ann, Catharine and Sarah are dead. The surviving are M. C. of Espy, Ephraim, of Michigan; William, of Newark, N. J.; Abraham, of Luzerne; Oren, of Wilkes-Barre, and Retta of Orangeville. At the time of the death of the father we wrote an obituary, the date of which we do not remember, however, and which several of the children desired to obtain, but all of the numbers of that issue of the COLUMBIAN were disposed of, and therefore no copies could be secured. The following is the item referred to:

From the Jerseytown items we learn of the death of Jacob McCollum, an aged citizen of that place. Mr. McCollum was for a long time a citizen of Benton township, peaceable quiet and respected by all who knew him. Mrs. McCollum, wife of Jacob, was a sister to the late Col. Hiram R. Kline, and died some years ago, and was buried in the St. James cemetery, and we were at her funeral. But we learned a few days since that her body had been removed to Derry. The McCollums were a large and interesting family, seven boys and four girls. And those surviving seem to be scattered far and wide. The whole family had great natural talents for vocal music and penmanship. The younger portion of the family were all pupils at school to your correspondent, while nearly all of the elder ones were schoolmates in an earlier day. JOHN C. WENNER.

Genuine seal driving gloves $5.00 at Ben Gidding's.

A WANTED PLACE.

There are in the neighborhood of a dozen applicants for the position of Commissioner's Clerk. They come from all over the county. A partial list of the aspirants are Bruce Dildine, Rohrsburg; C. F. Mann, Benton; John Nuss, Mifflin; Warren Edgar, Stillwater, and Joseph Hidlay and W. C. McKinney, Bloomsburg. Freeze Quick's name is also mentioned in connection with the place. Robert Vanderslice, the present clerk, is not an applicant for reappointment.

Sunbury's Bright Outlook.

The year 1903, says the Sunbury *Daily*, will be a record breaker in Sunbury in the way of improvement to the railroad facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. No year since the building of the Pennsylvania railroad shops in 1867 or the building of the Reading railroad in 1882 will equal it. The growing business of the Pennsylvania railroad has rendered the yard facilities entirely inadequate and many new tracks will be put down and the entire system of the yard improved and enlarged. This will necessitate many new tracks in both the upper and lower yards, but the upper yard will receive the most attention. The railroad company will expend in Sunbury over half a million dollars in the work, and it will commence as soon as spring opens. Miles of new track will be added and the plans for the work are now being made. The work is to be completed before next fall. Added to the construction of the Susquehanna Dye Works, the summer of 1903 will be a lively one in Sunbury.

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and it begins right. Begins with every section fully fortified to meet the demands of the gift givers (and who is not a gift giver at Christmas?) To tell you about this big stock is the object of this "ad." Can't tell you about all of it by any means; can only suggest to you the strength of some of its most prominent features, a hint here and there to guide you in your buying. A visit to this store will do the rest, and this visit you are cordially invited to make at as early a date as possible. You'll find a Christmas spirit in every part of this store.

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts,	$252,342.41	Capital Stock,	$60,000.00
U. S. Bonds,	60,000.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits,	59,878 91
Stocks, Securities, &c.,	139.352.50	Circulation,	59,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures,	5,557.50	Deposits,	342,349 22
Cash and Reserve,	64.475.72		
	$521,728.13		$521,728.13

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DIRECTORS:

W. S. Moyer, Grant Herring, H. A. McKillip,
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TIME TABLE IN EFFECT JUNE 1, 1902, and until further notice

Cars leave Bloom for Espy, Almedia, Lime Ridge, Berwick and intermediate points as follows:

A. M. 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00, 11:40.

P. M. 12:20, 1:00, 1:40, 2.20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20 9:00 9:40, 10:20 and (11:00 Saturday nights only.)

Leaving depart from Berwick one hour from time as given above, commencing at 6:00 a. m.

Leave Bloom for Catawissa A. M. 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:00, 11:40.

P. M. 12:20, 1:00 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20 9:00 9:40, 10:20 and (11:00 Saturday nights only.

Cars returning depart from Catawissa 20 minutes from time as given above

D. G. Hackett,
Superintendent.

Buckhorn.

A good time coming. The Buckhorn Band will hold a box sociable in their room on New Year's Night. Every lady in the land is invited to prepare a box. Other refreshments will be served. The public generally has a cordial invitation. Music by the band. Proceeds to purchase some new instruments. Auction to begin at 8 o'clock.

Any subscriber who pays up all arrearages and a year in advance will be presented with a copy of the Centennial Souvenir Book of Bloomsburg.

Any new subscriber paying in advance will get a receipt to Jan. 1 1904 and a copy of the book. Subscribe now. tf.

[Bell Telephone.]

Beautiful, Useful, Novel, Cheap,

These are just a few of the remarks we hear about our line for Christmas this year.

It is all Ready for You

and if you make your purchases without seeing our line you will regret it just as sure as guns.

We specify a few of our lines:

Leather Goods,
Japanese Goods,
Dickens Goods,
Burnt Wood,
Ebony and Silver Goods,
Wedge Wood Ware,
Fine Confectionery,
Perfumes.
Steins.

☞Our motto this year is "something different from the rest."

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W. S. Rishton,

Market Square Pharmacist.

LOCAL NEWS.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

Bath Robes, Ben Gidding.

The schools closed on Tuesday, and will remain closed until Monday, January 3rd.

Call and see the bargans in clothing at Gross'

The lowest possible prices on Diamonds at Geo. W. Hess'.

Underwear in wool and cotton, fleeced and plain at Ben Gidding's.

J. Wesley Moyer, as usual, is keeping his business before the public, in the distribution of a very handsome 1903 calendar.

If you want your Christmas gifts correctly and beautifully engraved buy them from J. E. Roys, Jeweler. 11-2t

All kinds of underwear, wool & cotton at all prices at L. Gross'

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Less Alexander at their home on West street Saturday.

Seven years in business is our reference. Gem Steam Laundry.

The White Milling Company yesterday presented a turkey to each of its employees, as a Christmas present.

Christmas goods, handkerchiefs, ties, dressing cases &c. in great variety at L. Gross'.

Dress cases and valises at Ben Gidding's.

Hair brushes, nail brushes, cloth brushes, tooth brushes, nail brushes etc., at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Buy your Sterling silver spoons of Geo. W. Hess. Gorhams make, all substantial weights.

The Farmers National Bank is presenting to its customers a large and beautiful calendar for the coming year.

The most beautifully engraved jewelry and silverware is bought from J. E. Roys. 11-2t

At Whary's china store there is a large line of pretty Jardinieres, Vases, Toilet sets, and a great assortment of china, glassware, etc. 4-3t.

Collars and Cuffs, Ben Gidding.

No cracked collars at the Gem Steam Laundry. Try us.

FOR A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Everything in season at Tooley & Co's.

Plush caps 50c. to $2.50 at Ben Gidding's.

"Old Arkansaw" was produced in the Opera House Monday night to a fair sized and well pleased audience. Raymond's attractions always make good in Bloomsburg.

Mirrors, brush and comb sets, collar and cuff boxes, necktie boxes, handkerchief boxes, jewelry cases, manicure sets, smoker's sets and all kinds of sets at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

John Brennan, who made his escape from jail last spring, was recaptured by Constable Langdon and brought back to jail on Monday. He is awaiting trial on a charge of assault and battery.

Dorflinger, Hawk's and Mt. Washington Cut Glass at Geo. W. Hess'. No acid finish or no seconds in my stock. Nothing but the finest.

We have just received a very large line of some of the latest books. Please call and see them at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Those intending to have sale of personal property or real estate, should select their dates and have an announcement of the same placed in this paper. This notice will be published from now until day of sale, free of charge if the bills are printed at this office.

Neck wear! Neck-wear at Ben Gidding's.

You can find the nicest and largest line of bibles, large and small in Bloomsburg at Mercer s Drug and Book Store.

Toques and Tams, Ben Gidding.

Milnesville, which a year ago was one of the liveliest towns in the coal regions, today presents a desolate dreary appearance, and the prospects for its early return to prosperity are not very bright. Not a man is now employed. The mines flooded during the strike and were abandoned by the operating company.

Sweaters for men and boy's 50c. to $5.00 at Ben Gidding's.

Sterling silver novelties. The right kind at the right prices. Geo. W. Hess.

A prominent evangelist says: "If you catch a calf and take it from its mother she will follow after to see where it is going, but many persons do not seem to be concerned whether they know what the devil and others are doing with their children."

Umbrellas! Umbrellas for an Xmas present at Ben Gidding's.

Buy an overcoat for father and son at L. Gross'. They are stylish, good, and cheap.

Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets at Ben Gidding's.

The postoffice department's report for the fiscial year ended in June shows that over six hundred millions of dollars were sent through the mails with a loss of only two hundred and fifty-one dollars. This speaks well for the integrity of the clerks and the efficiency of our postal service.

A Smoking Jacket makes a nice Xmas present. We have them, Ben Gidding.

A handsome new line of invitation papers just received at this office. All the latest designs in fashionable type for wedding invitations are here. No trouble to show samples. 11-3t

The Pennsylvania Railroad station at Nescopeck was robbed on Wednesday night of last week and property to the value of $30 stolen. Jas. Callahan and Hugh Shoolin were arrested by a detective and the goods were recovered. The robbers had placed the booty temporarily in a box car, intending to make way with it later.

The largest and finest assortment of Watches and Rings that we have ever shown at Geo. W. Hess'. Prices right.

Hats and caps in all styles very cheap at L. Gross' Clothing Store.

Bad matches have caused so many fires in New York within the past year that after January first none but safety matches will be permissible in that city, Bad matches are bad things, not only in the commercial world, but in the matrimonial as well, and they are discovered in the same way—by heads that fly off.

Pocket books for either lady or gentleman, and the finest line in old Columbia county to select from at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Dress suits at Ben Gidding's.

Callendar pads, large and small, for 1903 for sale at this office, singly or in quantities. 18-3t

Hereafter persons intending to hold balls or dances at Wilkes-Barre must get a permit from the chief of police. The new regulation is the result of complaints made by people about the manner in which some of these affairs have recently been conducted.

PURELY PERSONAL

Judge Little is presiding at court at Danville this week.

J. J. Robison went to Newark Tuesday evening on business

Miss Ada McLinn of Gettysburg is home for the Christmas vacation.

John Watson is home from Dickinson Law School for the holidays.

Louis Buckalew, who is attending State College at Bellefonte is home.

Mac Reber, a student at the Polytechnic Institute, Troy, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown departed on Tuesday for a visit to their son at Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Aldinger left on Wednesday for Philadelphia where they will visit for a few days.

Elwell Funk, of Lehigh University, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents on Third street.

Mrs. William Leverett of Philadelphia is visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. E. Elwell. Mr. Leverett will arrive today.

St. Paul's Church.

Services will be held in St. Paul's church on Christmas as follows: Holy Communion, 7:45; Morning Service, Holy Communion and Sermon, 10:30 a. m.

The following musical program will be rendered at the second service:

Hymn 60.....Smart
Venite.....Turle
Gloria Patri.....Wilson
Te Deum.....Sullivan
Jubilate.....Sullivan
Hymn 58.....Barnby
Kyrie.....Sullivan
Gloria Tibi.....Garrett
Anthem, Let us now go even into Bethlehem.....Steane
Agnus Dei.....Gounod
Sanctus.....Gilbert
Gloria in Excelsis.....Old Chant
Nunc Dimitis.....Barnby
Hymn 252.....Webb

Ex-sheriff W. W. Black has purchased the M. C. Woodward property on East street and will move into it.

Genuine seal skin caps $5.00 at Ben Gidding's.

We have a certain number of calendars for 1903 to give away. Subscribers who pay up during this month will get them. When the supply is gone there will be no more here, after the time stated.

Negligee and laundried shirts at Ben Gidding's.

C. H. Reice has a fine display of dressed poultry in his meat market window. Among them is a thirty pound turkey.

Mufflers and Silk Handkerchiefs at Ben Gidding's.

FURS.

Cash paid for all kinds of raw furs. Always home on Saturdays. F. R. Drake, 440 East 4th street, Bloomsburg, Pa. 18 4t*

Come in and see us, we'll treat you right. Ben Gidding.

Men's Overcoats, slash or straight pocket at Ben Gidding's.

The Winona Fire Company will hold a grand ball in Lockard's Hall on New Year's eve, to which everybody is cordially invited. Good music has been secured, and the boys will spare no pains to make the evening an enjoyable one to all who attend. The Winona Company very seldom asks for aid. During the many years of its existence, it has been kept up almost wholly by the trivial sum of seventy five dollars a year which is appropriated by the town. At the present time, however, the company's treasury is very much depleted, caused principally by the expenditures incident to the entertainment of visiting firemen at the Town's Centennial last August. Surely you won't refuse the boys on this occasion. Buy a ticket, even if you can't attend.

Children's Overcoats, all kinds at Ben Gidding's.

A big assortment of clocks at low prices at Geo. W. Hess.

A Great Attraction.

That the stage of the Grand Opera House will undergo a complete transformation on the occasion of Mildred Holland's appearance here on December 30th is shown by the following letter from Victor Harmon, Miss Holland's business manager.

"We require a clear stage. We require four men on the stage on arrival of scenery at theatre to put the show on. We use twenty sets of lines. We will require six wagons to haul scenery and baggage to theatre. We require hose for practical fountain in first act. Kindly see that stage and dressing rooms are scrubbed clean as costumes are very delicate."

Hats and Caps at Ben Gidding's.

CHRISTMAS BUYING MADE LIGHTER.

No doubt all of you would like to make your Christmas buying lighter, yet not sacrifice the qualities of the gift. We have a plan whereby you can do it. Come to our store any time before Christmas. See the large assortment of USEFUL GIFTS to select from, and they are the ones appreciated. We make this Christmas buying lighter for you by allowing ALL ALIKE TEN PER CENT. DISCOUNT on all purchases of 50 cents and over.

Useful Gifts.

Black Dres Patterns,
Silk Dress Patterns,
Silk Skirt Patterns,
Flannel Waist Patterns,
Petticoats,
Ladies' Coats, Skirts,
Tailor Made Suits,
Leggins,
Golf aud Kid Gloves,
Hosiery and Underwear,
Cushions, Cushion Tops,
Umbrellas,
Wrist Bags, Pocket Books,
Table Linens, Napkins,
Handkerchiefs,
Furs, all kinds,
Bath Robes,
White Aprons,
Fur Floor Rugs.

Xmas Furs.

Good lines of these for you to select from. All made from selected furs. Come and see them and get our prices.

Turn Over Collars.

New lines of these. New lace collars; they make nice gifts.

Xmas Hats.

What lady or child would not appreciate a nice stylish hat for a gift? We have made big reductions in prices on these. All the latest.

Xmas Dress Materials.

A large assortment in all the popular materials, both in black and colors. They make useful gifts.

Sterling Novelties.

A big line of these; 25 cent grades to go at 19 cents each. Brushes of all kinds. Sterling silver trimmed at 25c. each.

Linens for Gifts.

In Pattern table cloths. Table linens by the yard. napkins, tray and lunch cloths, towels, etc.

Xmas White Goods.

They're 1903 patterns, but we have some for Christmas selling. Mercerized madras, pique and fleece lined piqne for the popular white waists.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

$2.00 and $2.50.

$3.00 and $3.50

A Handsome Pair of Shoes

for any member of your family can be had here, and SHOES YOU CAN FIND NO FAULT WITH, because there's no fault to be found. There is everything in being well shod, and we know our Shoes strike the acme of excellence in footwear. You can't help not only finding but taking

Comfort in Shoes Like Ours,

which present a happy combination of superiority in the main points of fit, style, material, workmanship and prices. For instance our $2.50 Colonial Dame, and Bordman Shoes for Women.

F. D. DENTLER.

TALK NO. 41.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Keep us in mind when you start out to purchase Christmas presents. We have something to show you in this line which you cannot afford to pass by unnoticed. Nice goods have never been sold so low and our stock abounds with pleasing and desirable gifts of all kinds and prices. We hope every reader will call, whether contemplating a purchase or not. Our doors are open to every lover of the beautiful and we shall welcome all to see and enjoy our handsome Holiday Display.

Geo. W. Hess,

Optician and Jeweler, Bloomsburg, 1111

Cloissoniere Vases.	French Plaques, $3.50.
Fancy Austrian Vases 75 to 5.00	German Vases, $1.00 to $5.00.
Fancy Bohemian Vases, $1.00 to $4.00.	Japanese Vases.
Bronze Figures $2.50 to $6.00.	Japanese Jardinieres, $5.00 to $6.00

Salad Bowls, Cereal Sets, Chocolate Pots,
Mayonnaise Bowls, Berry Sets, Fruit Plates
Cream and Sugar Sets, Salts and Peppers.
Tea Pots, Fern Dishes, Pictures,
Bon-Bon Dishes, Bread and Butter Plates,
Soup Plates, Dinner Plates.

We carry these articles in Japanese, French, Austrian, German and Bohemian ware.

J. Lee Martin, JEWELRY AND ART GOODS. TELEPHONE 1842.

VISIT TOOLEY & CO'S.

See their Christmas display. Get their prices in candy before buying elsewhere.

All Philadelphia papers 2 cents, by the month delivered 30 cents, 25 cents a month at the store. J. W. Moyer

Kid and Mocha Gloves in lined and unlined at Ben Gidding's.

For a full line of celery dishes, chop dishes, sherbet glasses, table glasses, moustache cups and saucers, cut glass salt and pepper boxes with sterling tops, go to L. E. Whary's china store. French china in great assortment, in sets or odd pieces, at the lowest prices. Examine his stock before selecting your Christmas gifts.

HOW THEY CELEBRATED.

The Four Travelers, Snowbound on Christmas Eve, Made the Two Children Happy.

Four travelers who were snowbound in a western passenger train on Christmas eve speedily became acquainted with each other, and sat about the stove at the end of the car to "talk it over." One of the men was a drummer, another a cowboy, the third a big cattle man, and the last the minister who tells the story. They finally fell into conversation with a poor woman and her two children, the only remaining passenwho had tried to maintain herself by sewing since her husband's death, was giving up the unequal struggle and going home to live with "grandma."

The little threadbare children, says the Youth's Companion, had been promised a joyous Christmas there, and when they found that the blockade would prevent their getting farther, for the present, they cried bitterly until sleep quieted them. Just before they dropped off the drummer remarked:

"Say, parson, we've got to give these children some Christmas."

"That's what!" said the cowboy.

"I'm agreed," added the cattleman.

The children were told to hang up their stockings.

"We ain't got none," quavered the little girl. "'ceptin' those we've got on, and ma says it's too cold to take 'em off."

"I've got two pairs of new woolen socks," said the cattleman, eagerly. "I ain't never wore 'em, and you're welcome to 'em."

The children clapped their hands, but their faces fell when the elder remarked:

"But Santa Claus will know they're not our stockings. He'll put in all the things for you."

"Lord love you!" roared the burly cattleman. "He won't bring me nothin'. One of us'll sit up, anyhow, and tell him it's for you."

Then the children knelt down on the floor of the car beside their improvised beds. Instinctively the hands of the men went to their heads, and at the first words of "Now I lay me," hats were off.

The cowboy stood twirling his hat, and looking at the little kneeling figures. The cattleman's vision seemed dimmed, while in the eyes of the traveling man shone a distant look—a look across snow-filled prairies to a warmly-lighted home. The children were soon asleep. Then arose the question of presents.

"It don't seem to me I've got anything to give 'em," said the cowboy, mournfully, "unless the little kid might like my spurs. I'd give my gun to the little girl, though on general principles I don't like to give up a gun."

"Never mind, boys," said the drummer, "you come along with me to the baggage car."

So off they trooped. He opened his trunks, and spread before them such an array of trash and trinkets as took away their breath.

"There," said he, "just pick out the best things, and I'll donate the lot!"

"No, you don't!" said the cowboy. "I'm goin' to buy what I want and pay for it, too, or else there ain't goin' to be no Christmas round here."

"That's my judgment, too," said the cattleman, and the minister agreed.

So they sat down to their task of selection. They spent hours over it in breathless interest, and when their gifts were ready there arose the question of a Christmas tree. It had stopped snowing, and tramping out into the moonlit night, they cut down a great piece of sage-brush. The mother adorned it with tinsel paper, and the gifts were prettily disposed. Christmas dawned for two of the happiest children under the sun, and a happy mother, too, for inside the big plush album selected for her, the cattleman had slipped a hundred-dollar bill.

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS.

Christmas like it used to be!
That's the kind would gladden me,
With and kin from far and near
Joining in the Christmas cheer,
Oh, the laughing girls and boys!
Oh, the feasting and the joys!
Wouldn't it be good to see
Christmas as it used to be?

Christmas as it used to be—
Snow a-bending bush and tree,
Bells a-jingling down the lane,
Cousins John and Jim and Jane,
Sue and Kate and all the rest
Dressed up in their Sunday best,
Coming to the world of glee—
Christmas like it used to be.

Christmas like it used to be—
Dear, a long, long time since we
Wished (when Santa Claus would come)
For a doll and I a drum,
For a book and I a sled,
Strong and swift and painted red:
Oh, that day of jubilee!
Christmas like it used to be.

Christmas like it used to be!
It is still as glad and free
And as fair and full of truth
To the clearer eye of youth.
Could we gladly glimpse it through
Eyes our children's children do,
In their joy time we would see
Christmas like it used to be.
—Nixon Waterman, in Elliott's Magazine.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

Crawford—I thought you were perfectly delighted with the Christmas present your wife gave you?

Crabshaw—At that time I didn't know she'd had it charged.—Judge.

Would Answer His Purpose.

Uncle Ned—Was it you I heard singing "I want to be an angel?"

Johnny—Yes; I'd be satisfied if Santa Claus brought me a flying machine.—Puck.

Cruel.

Miss Oldgirl—Have you hung up your mistletoe yet?

Miss Youngthing—No, indeed. It isn't necessary for me to use bait.—[illegible] Herald.

ABUSES OF THE DAY.

The Veriest Cynic, Though, Would Hardly Consent to the Abolition of Christmas.

It is the latter day fashion to talk somewhat cynically of Christmas and its celebration. We are told that the ancient custom of exchanging Christman remembrances among friends has become a matter of calculation and vulgar display, that people nowadays spend more than they can afford in buying Christmas gifts, and give them grudgingly and expect in return presents of at least an equal money value. Even the Christmas dinner, with its plum puddings and mince pies, is fair game for the present day humorist. He gloats over the dyspepsia and indigestion which ensue, and paints the day which should be the happy climax of the year as a mournful season made memorable by empty pocketbooks, blasted expectations and pepsin. Many people have perhaps unconsciously caught the cynical spirit of the hour, and in condemning the abuses connected with the celebration of Christmas have apparently lost sight of the spirit which still vivifies the greatest of Christian holidays.

But men talk more lightly than they feel, says the Chicago Tribune, and it is not likely that the chiefest of the cynics would willingly consent to the abolition of Christmas. He would miss the glow of kindly feeling which, in spite of all that he and his fellows may say, still warms the heart of the world when the holidays come round. Perhaps he is still of an age when "going home for Christmas" means so much. At least, he has not forgotten the annual meeting of all the members of a perhaps scattered family at the old homestead. Perhaps he has a homestead and children of his own. In that case it will be hard for him to remain a cynic. No man can play Santa Claus for a brood of his own without confessing that, aside from any religious significance, Christmas brings too much innocent happiness to be ever forgotten or neglected.

So far as the abuses of the day are concerned, each man may correct them for himself. And after all is said and done it is likely that they are not so widespread or so serious as some people seem to imagine. Certainly there are thousands of people who give and receive gifts on Christmas day with no thought beyond that of the kindly pleasure which is found in both. There are many families who do not spend more than they can well afford to spend in making the day memorable, and if a little self-sacrifice be involved now and then, a man must be heartless to condemn it. Not every little boy eats more mince pie than is good for him, and a great many thousand children get the only opportunity they have in the year to eat their fill of that and other delectable dishes.

WHAT HE FORGOT.

The Toot of the Whistle or the Woes of the Commuter During the Holiday Season.

The commuter sat in the train almost buried from sight under his load of Christmas presents. There was a great drum and the sled and the red wagon for Willie and the wax doll and the doll house and the doll buggy for Susie. There was a great mysterious package for Mrs. Commuter, and there were a half dozen other packages and parcels for various friends and relatives.

The commuter with all his weight of Christmas joys did not seem to be happy. He sat glaring savagely around the car as if seeking to find something that was not there.

"Hello, Billy," said a neighbor commuter. "Got your Christmas things, I see."

"Yes," said Mr. Commuter. "All but—"

"All but what?"

The commuter again stared wildly around the car. "I don't know," he said. "I've got all but one thing and I cannot for the life of me remember what it was. There's that pink string on my little finger. That was the red wagon. Got that. The blue string, that's the wax doll. Got that. The white string, that's the doll buggy. That 'D. & S.' on my cuff. That's drum and sled. Got that. The 'F.' That's the furs for my wife. Got that. The other things. Got every one of 'em. But there was something I didn't get because I knew it was something about cars or trains, or something like that, and I think of those things all the time, anyhow, and I didn't see how I could forget. It was something that I would be reminded of all the way down town on the cars, and now I can't remember. It isn't seats, nor toy cars, nor nothing like that. Confound it, it was something about cars."

"Well, here's our station," said neighbor commuter. "You can't get it now. There's the whistle."

The locomotive gave a long, mournful toot.

"That's it," said the commuter, "that's it. Dash my stars. It was a toy whistle for Willie."—Chicago Daily Tribune.

The Method.

Johnny—Where does Santa Claus get the money for all the things?

Papa—Well, you wouldn't understand it now; but when you're older you'll find that he raises it by an income tax.—Puck.

Col'-Blooded.

"Some people," said Uncle Eben, "looks at de price tag so hahd, dat givin' Chris'mus gif's gits to be purty nigh as col' blooded as a hoss trade."—Washington Star.

A CHRISTMAS SERMON.

Preached by the Genuine Unselfishness of a Little Bed-Ridden Girl in Her Letter to Santa Claus.

When we are prone to think that Christmas has degenerated into a date for the payment of obligations as regards gifts, it is pleasant to encounter genuine unselfishness, writes Katherine L. Smith, in Youth's Companion. A true incident of this kind occurred last year in a large western city.

The day before Christmas the clerk of a large hotel, while sorting over the mail, came upon a letter addressed to "Mr. Santa Claus,——Hotel." As no such gentleman had registered there, the clerk showed the letter to two or three of the guests, and they decided to open it.

It proved to be from a little girl, who signed merely her given name; she had added, however, the street and number, which were in one of the poorer parts of the city.

What most impressed the readers was the fact that although the child had asked Santa Claus for many things,—"a doll for Susie, a dress for mamma and a dog for Tommie"—not one thing in the long list was to be for herself.

Two of the business men who had read the letter determined to seek out the little, unselfish being, and see how she was situated. They found in a humble home which lacked many of the comforts of life a poor bedridden little girl who had written to Santa Claus with the supreme faith of childhood, and asked for gifts, not for herself, but for those she loved.

The visitors, touched by the child's pathos, consulted a physician, and ascertained that with proper treatment she could be cured. She was sent to a hospital; and in that city now there is a well child who can thank not only the generosity of others, but her own sweet nature for her new strength and happiness.

THE CHOIR-BOYS' CHRISTMAS.

Delightful Concerts Sometimes Given by Them in the Cathedral Cities of Europe.

Dean Farrar, writing in the Quiver of "The Great Social Festival," says: I know of more than one cathedral city in which at Christmas time the little choir boys—often boys who come from very humble homes—give a delightful concert, during which they act with hearty fun some very bright and humorous scenes. They take a real interest in the special music of the services and anthems and carols of the season, and they are invited to spend an evening of genial amusement at the deanery and in the houses of some of the kindly canons. Here they enter joyously into all the time honored festivities. In the dim light of some old vaulted room, or corridor the great bowl of the snapdragon sheds its blue lustre, while, with shrieks of laughter, the boys snatch out the burning raisins. Then they hunt for the little presents in the large brandpie, and carefully put them in corners till the games are over, when they carry them home to their parents; or they have a fishing rod, and each in turn throws the line over a curtain behind which someone is concealed, who fastens on the line an appropriate gift for each boy in turn. Then follows the Christmas supper, with its flaming plum pudding, endless crackers, and unrestrained mirth. The evening usually ends after supper with one or two carols, and "Auld Lang Syne" sung in the most correct and traditional fashion; after which the boys go back to their homes in high glee, and with the memory of an unusually pleasant evening to make the sacred season more and more dear to them.

FESTIVAL SPIRIT IN ART.

A Grand Theme for Some Artist to Place on Canvas—A Name That Will Always Inspire.

Hail gladsome season of Holy Days! —hail to those phases of the season of cheer exemplified by art wherever found—art in the palace or in the cot—in the forest or in the open—art upon the stage—art in the shadow of ten thousand belfries—art in canvas touched and awakened into splendid color by the hand of genius.

The season of Festivity and of its twin sister, Hospitality, has always appealed to artists. Just as the Roman drama is said to have had its rise in the festivities of the rustic youth, so it is true that many glorious canvasses, ancient and modern in sentiment, have been resultant from history's feasting days—some splendid ones, indeed, by poor, hungry painters who never lived to experience for themselves anything approaching the satiety in which they reveled on canvas.

A grand theme for a painter some day, says a writer in the National Magazine, would be a New England Christmas table scene—in the early part of the nineteenth century, for instance, when wide, old-fashioned fireplaces, with side-settle and back-log and crane-hanging and warming-pan comforts were the order of the day: when, as also at Thanksgiving, all the members of the family come together to the home fireside—when the live-oak ceiling timbers rang and rang again with Yule-tide cheer.

The one for whom the year's greatest Holy Day was named will, as in ages past, inspire the artist as long as the world shall last. From the baby in Mary's improvised cradle in Bethlehem down to the cruel cross on Calvary, each step of His life has been painted again and again.

A TRAGEDY AT SEA

Survivors of Wrecked Ships Tell of Terrible Sufferings.

THREE DAYS ADRIFT WITHOUT FOOD

Eleven Perished Before Relief Came, and Those Saved Were Frostbitten and Helpless—Collision Caused the Disaster.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Almost crazed from their sufferings, frostbitten and helpless, ten men in a boat have been picked up by the schooner Manhassett forty-five miles off Highland light. Then for the first time it was learned that the schooners Frank A. Palmer and Louise B. Crary had been in collision and had been sunk off Thatcher's island on Wednesday evening.

The survivors of the tragedy were landed here. Of the twenty-one men who made up the two crews six were carried down when the two vessels sank, four died during the terrible three days' drift in Massachusetts bay, and another became insane and jumped overboard.

With no food or water, their clothes frozen in solid masses and their boat being steadily driven before a bitter gale out into the Atlantic it seems remarkable that so many managed to survive.

The two schooners, both heavily laden with coal, doubled Cape Cod in company and ran into a strong northwester on Wednesday night. Both captains put their vessels over toward the Cape Ann shore for a lee. When off Thatcher's island, they split tacks, and finally both came about at the same time and unbeknown to the captains headed toward each other, the Crary holding north on the port tack and the Palmer south on the starboard tack and therefore having the right of way.

The survivors are inclined to lay the blame of the accident on J. E. Smith of Portland, Me., mate of the Crary, who had charge of the deck at the time and who went down with the ship. They are of the opinion that he thought he could weather the Palmer; but, as in other similar accidents, the calculation was erroneous. The Crary crashed into the bow of the Palmer. The cut was deep, and it was seen instantly that there was no hope for either vessel. Most of the small boats were smashed and some of the men killed by the collision, but others of both crews by quick work launched the long boat of the Palmer, into which clambered the captains of both vessels and thirteen others.

There was not a moment for storing food or water in the boat, and the rowers had propelled it only a short distance from the schooners when the Palmer went down. Three minutes later the Crary disappeared.

Without food and water, drenched to the skin, spray freezing to their garments because of the bitter cold, the fifteen survivors underwent sufferings indescribable. Four men of the Crary on Friday lay down in the bow of the boat, and that night they died. Eleven remained up till Saturday night, when Franz Banta went insane and walked into the sea. The others were powerless to restrain him.

In the three days and a half that the men were afloat their boat drifted steadily offshore until at 8 o'clock Sunday morning it was forty-five miles off Highland light. There the lookout on the fishing schooner Manhassett caught a glimpse of the boat, and within half an hour the ten men were rescued.

The sailors at the relief hospital have improved steadily. They describe their experience as a most terrible one. The death of Banta, the Finlander, is recalled as most pathetic. In his delirium he saw home and a Christmas tree and his mother beckoning him to come to her over the water. He stepped over the side of the boat in response to the fancied summons to walk on the water and was swallowed up.

Blackmail on a Large Scale.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 23.—The local postoffice is in receipt of 2,000 letters from a New York collection agency addressed to residents here, each one of which letters contains a claim for $1.20 said to be due for the purchase of jewelry. A suit is threatened in case of nonremittance. The postoffice authorities say that the letters were sent by blackmailers who hope to frighten persons into remitting. Similar consignments of letters were sent to all the principal postoffices of the state. Postoffice inspectors are collecting evidence against the senders.

Speech Recovered After Long Silence

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 23.—Within a few days Miss Mary O'Brien, aged about thirty, living in East Longmeadow, suddenly recovered the power of speech after being dumb for fourteen years. She has since talked almost incessantly while awake, and her mind seems disordered. A council of physicians has been held, and the woman may be examined to determine her sanity. Her failure of speech fourteen years ago was due to a throat trouble. She has since been in fair health.

Transport Thomas Arrives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The army transport Thomas has just arrived from Manila. The vessel brings 122 casuals, 62 sick and 770 discharged soldiers. While the vessel was in port at Manila a riot broke out among the discharged men, and a company of regulars was placed on board as a guard to maintain order.

Fast Time on the Lake Shore.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 23.—The Twentieth Century Limited on the Lake Shore yesterday made the run of 134 miles between Toledo and Elkhart, Ind., in 127 minutes. A part of this run was made in a dense fog.

ACCIDENTAL?

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the man who fell from the window ledge on which he had fallen asleep. But the death was really due to carelessness which made the accident possible. There are a great many lives suddenly terminated as a result of carelessness, although the medical certificate may read "heart failure." When a man takes chances with his stomach and neglects the warning symptoms of disease, he is carelessly inviting calamity.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food, which makes strength. It stimulates the liver, cures biliousness, and removes bilious impurities from the blood.

"I had been troubled with a pain in lower part of my stomach for three years, so severe I thought it would kill me in time," writes Mr. Aaron Van Dam, of (Kensington) 2549 110th St., Chicago, Ill. "I could hardly work; it felt like a big weight hanging on me and got so bad that I had to take medicine. I used Stomach Bitters for a time, but it did no good so I wrote to Dr. R. V. Pierce for advice, which he gave me immediately. I followed his directions; used two bottles of his medicine and was cured. I had a torpid liver which was troubling me instead of cramps (as I thought), so Dr. Pierce told me. I have pleasure in living now; have gained in weight 15 pounds since then."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They do not beget the pill habit.

Pomona Grange Meeting.

The first regular quarterly meeting, of Pomona Grange, No. 5, composed of the Subordinate Granges, of Columbia and lower Luzerne counties, will convene in the hall of Bloomsburg Grange, Friday, January 2, 1903, promptly at ten o'clock. The morning session, as usual, will be devoted to the transaction of the regular routine business of the Grange, after which the following program will be rendered:

Address of welcome by Brother Robert R. Little.

Response by Brother J. S. Campbell, of No. 108.

Music—Columbia Grange.

Recitation—Brother Charles Ash, No. 46.

Essay—Sister Laura Parker, No. 108.

Music—Benton Grange.

Brother Kashinka will open a discussion on the following topic: "What systematic effort can be made in this Grange, the coming year, that will increase the efficiency of its Educational work?"

Recitation—Salem Grange, No. 291.

Music—Benton Grange.

Essay—Sister Ikeler, of No. 52.

Recitation—Araminta Parker, of No. 108.

Select Reading—O. O. Hess, No. 46.

A Discussion—"Why does cultivation of the soil promote plant growth and to what extent can cultivation contribute to such growth?" To be opened by Salem Grange, No. 291.

Music—By the Grange.

Essay—Sister Kate E. Creveling, No. 46.

Recitation—Benton Grange, No. 88.

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Patrons from neighboring counties are cordially invited to be present and participate in the exercises.

The degree of Pomona will be conferred in the evening in full form providing there be applicants for the same.

Amos Hartman, W. Master.
W. J. Beidleman, W. Lecturer.

A Campaign Against Butter.

The oleomargarine interests of the state are said to be contemplating the flooding of the market with a product that will come within the requirements of the law regulating the coloring of substitutes for butter. The idea is to put on the market a make of oleo not treated in any way to change the coloring, but shall be only a trifle lighter than the coloring of butter. The scarcity of butter, which has been produced by the large consumption of milk, has acted as a spur upon the activity of the oleo manufacturers.

We sell everything in men's wear, Ben Gidding.

Geo. W. Hess is headquarters for Paul E. Wirt fountain pens. The largest assortment in town.

PERMANENT SITUATION.

Cash paid weekly for services either on salary and expenses paid or commission, to take orders for our Garden Seeds; also Fruits and Flowers. We carry a full line for the Farm and Market Gardners, so that a live man cannot help but succeed, as he has the facilities to compete for all kinds of trade and with different classes of customers. Write at once for terms to

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

"General Peanuts" is Dead.

Famous Midget, Two Feet One Inch Tall, Had Been Circus Attraction.

"General Peanuts," for several years one of the best known midgets, who has been connected with Barnum's and Forepaugh & Sells' circuses, was found dead in his room at No. 207 East Fourteenth street, New York, on Wednesday afternoon. He was a Japanese, and his correct name is not known. He had a room with Frank Oakley, a wellknown clown. He was thirty-eight years old. With Forepaugh & Sells' circus he appeared as a midget policeman. Heart disease caused his death. He was two feet one inch in hight, and one of the smallest men in the world.

Mackintoshes, a nice Xmas gift, Ben Gidding.

Look at Your Dimes and Quarters.

So much spurious coin, especially in dimes and quarters, are in circulation at the present that people are advised to carefully scruntinize coins of there denominations that come into their possession. It is believed that the counterfeit money was made by a gang at Tamaqua, who flooded the entire region with it.

Cuff and collar boxes at Ben Gidding's.

Collars and Cuffs, Ben Gidding.

Woman Fined for Praying too Loud.

For praying too loud Emma Leopold of Racine, Wis., was arrested on Tuesday on the charge of disorderly conduct. She was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of $3 and costs. Miss Leopold was advised to return to Chicago by her bondsman F. J. Hanche, who recently joined the church. The woman admitted that the police told her to stop screaming, but she said she could not as the inspiration had entered her soul.

AT TOOLEY & CO'S.

Celery, cranberries, sweet potatoes, spinach, beets, oranges, banana's, grapes, table nuts and grape fruit, at Tooley & Co's.

CATARRHAL HEADACHES.—That dull, wretched pain in the head just over the eyes is one of the surest signs that the seeds of catarrh have been sown, and it's your warning to administer the quickest and surest treatment to prevent the seating of this dreaded malady. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will stop all pain in ten minutes, and cure. 50 cents.—61
Sold by C. A. Kleim.

The fellow who boasts that he never makes mistakes may never have had a chance.

KINDLY TAKE NOTICE that Ely's Liquid Cream Balm is of great benefit to those sufferers from nasal catarrh who cannot inhale freely through the nose, but must treat themselves by spraying. Liquid Cream Balm differs in form, but not medicinally from the Cream Balm that has stood for years at the head of remedies for catarrh. It may be used in any nasal atomizer. The price, including a spraying tube, is 75 cts. Sold by druggists and mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

Blobbs—"Why is Bjones so unpopular in your neighborhood?" Slobbs—"He got all his coal in last spring."

BAD HEART—COULD NOT LIE DOWN FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS.—"I was unable to lie down in my bed for eighteen months, owing to smothering spells caused by Heart Disease. One bottle of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart removed the trouble, and today I am as well as ever I was."—L. W. Law, Toronto Junction.—62
Sold by C. A. Kleim.

There won't be much heaping of coals of fire on our enemies' heads this winter.

PILL-AGE.—Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills, 10 cents a vial, are planned after the most modern in medical science. They are as great an improvement over the 50 years old strong dose pill formulas as a bicycle is over an ox-cart in travel. They never gripe and they never fail. 40 doses, 10 cents.—63
Sold by C. A. Kleim.

Hoax—"At what age should a clergyman marry?" Joax—"At the parsonage."

GET INSTANT RELIEF FROM FILES.—This most irritating disease relieved in ten minutes by using Dr. Agnew's Ointment, and a cure in from three to six nights. Thousands testify of its goodness. Good for Eczema, Salt Rheum, and all skin diseases. If you are without faith, one application will convince. 35 cents.—64
Sold by C. A. Kleim.

Members Can't Get Quarters.

Only about half the members of the incoming legislature have been able to get quarters for themselves for the session at the hotels where legislators stayed in large numbers two years ago. The hotels have raised their rates and do not care particularly whether Senators or Representatives patronize them. The legislature will assemble at noon January 6.

A STEADY INCOME.

Salary or commission paid weekly. Our 1200 acre nursery requires local and traveling agents everywhere to dispose of its products. Also seed line. Will arrange for whole or part time. Outfit free. We guarantee profitable and pleasant employment the year 'round. Write today for special terms.
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GRANDMA DORKINS' CHRISTMAS

By MARY M. WILLARD.

IS TOM comin' home this Chris'mas, Mis' Dorkins?" Homer Fox asked, as he delivered the pint of milk he brought daily to the little house at the upper end of Scarborough.

Old Mrs. Dorkins wiped her wet, soapy hands on her checked gingham apron, and got the blue pitcher from the shelf upon which it was sitting.

"He ain't quite sure," she answered; "he wants to come, he says, but seems like something always happens at the very last minute to keep him."

"I see you're fixin' for him, anyhow. What's them—mince pies?"

"Oh, yes, I fix for him every year. I wouldn't like him to come an' not find everything ready. I don't give him up till I have to. Them's mince pies, an' these are dried-apple pies. Come here." She opened the pantry door and beckoned him in. "I don't s'pose you know what these are," she said, with a smile half deprecating, half sad, lifting a cloth from the bread-board.

He peeped over her shoulder. "Gee whuts!" he cried, explosively. "You don't mean to say— I've got to have one o' them, Gran'ma Dorkins, sure's my name's Homer Fox! Horse ginger-cakes, by cracky! The very kind you used to make when me an' Tom an' Susy went to school to Aunt Liddy Jackson!"

Grandma Dorkins laughed, and wrapped him up three of the big brown cakes cut into some semblance of a horse with her pie-knife. "There's one for you, one for Susy, an' one for 'Il Jeff. Tell Susy I sent 'em to remind her of old times. You an' she were sweethearts even when you used to scuffle with Tom for a piece of his ginger-cake."

"Tom's doin' middlin' well, ain't he, gran'ma?" Homer asked, making a start to go, but holding onto the back door as he waited for her reply.

"Tom's doin' splendid," the old woman said, proudly. "He's way up in the railroad business now."

"It's near on ten years since he was home, ain't it?"

"Nine years this Christmas," she corrected him. "He's been intendin' to come for so long; but he's awfully busy, Tom is. With so much responsibility he can't hardly ever leave."

"Took his wife to Europe last year, didn't he?"

"Yes. They was gone three months. He wrote to me after they got back, an' said he thought for sure he was goin' to get up that year, but now he couldn't. I was real disappointed, for I'd been most certain I'd have him here last Christmas."

"It's likely he'll come this season," Homer remarked, by way of comfort.

"Don't you know, I'm sort o' positive he will," grandma said, brightening. "I've been disappointed often enough before, but this time it's different—'sides not bein' home for so long—an' I wrote him I hadn't been well lately. My rheumatiz bothers me dreadful this winter. Puttin' it altogether, Homer, I'm bound Tom's comin' this time."

Homer hitched at his faded overalls, shut the door and then opened it a crack. He couldn't find a word to say.

Old Mrs. Dorkins laughed softly as she wiped off the kitchen table. "Don't you ever tell, Homer; but I've baked horse ginger-cakes every year for Tom's home-comin', an' then had to send 'em to the orphan asylum over at Wallingford. Now, this year I calc'late Tom's goin' to eat 'em himself."

"It's only two days till Chris'mas," Homer said, slowly. "You ought to be hearin' from him whether he's comin', I'm goin' to the post office. I'll see if there's a letter for you."

"No, Homer, don't," grandma said, hastily. "I'd rather not have it till the last thing. If he shouldn't be comin' I won't have anything to look forward to, an' if he is, my cakes an' pies are all baked. All I've got to do now is to shine the andirons over in the settin'-room, an' put up some greens to make it seem Christmassy. I couldn't have the heart to finish, Homer, if I knew he wasn't comin'." She was still smiling, but tremulously.

"All right, gran'ma," he said, with a great effect of cheeriness in his voice; "but I'm like you, I'm positive Tom's comin'."

"Yes, I'm most sure we'll see him this time; but if there's a letter, Homer, don't bring it. Peter Crump always brings it up to me as he goes home on Christmas eve."

Homer climbed into his clattering old spring-wagon, and with the lines flapping loosely on the gray mare's back he let her take her own gait down the long street.

Arriving at the post office, he exchanged greetings with the few loungers gathered around the stove, sat down on a cracker-box, chewed up a broom-straw, and gazed abstractedly at the dirty floor.

"Want your mail, Homer?" the postmaster inquired, when there came a lull in his duties.

Homer got up from the cracker-box to receive his copy of the Scarborough Weekly Argus. He held it first in one hand, then in the other, hesitating. The last lounger shuffled away from the fire and out the door. Homer roused to instant life.

"Say! Got any letters for Gran'ma Dorkins?" he demanded.

"One from Tom. Guess he ain't comin' this year, same as ever."

"Gee whuts!" Homer exclaimed—it was his nearest approach to swearing—"If Tom Dorkins don't come home this Chris'mas, 'twon't be because Homer Fox ain't goin' to do his best to fetch him!"

"Tom's got to be a reg'lar high-flyer," observed the postmaster. "Has his private car an' all that sort of thing."

"To see that poor ol' soul havin' faith in his comin' year in an' year out, an' never showin' hair nor hide o' himself!" Homer broke in, excitedly. "It's more'n flesh an' blood can stand. Gimme a pasteboard box, Peter Crump, one big enough to hold these." He unwrapped the cakes Grandma Dorkins had given him and laid them on the counter. "There! If Tom Dorkins has got a piece of a heart in him away anywhere them cakes'll make him own to it."

"He writes to her sometimes an' sends her money," Peter Crump said, as he brought an assortment of boxes.

"Huh! What's money to her when she wants him!" Homer said, with scorn, selecting a box and trying the cakes, to see if they would fit. "Lemme have pen an' ink an' a sheet o' paper."

He wasn't much of a scribe, and he sucked the top of the pen frequently as he wrestled with his problem. Finally it was done, and he held it off at arm's length, surveying it with pride. This is what he had written:

"Tom Dorkins, for nine years your mother has baked these cakes for your Christmas home-coming, because you liked them when you was a boy. Has she got to send them to the Wellington orphan asylum this year, same as always, on account of your not thinking enough of her to come?

"HOMER FOX."

"If that don't bring Tom Dorkins nothing will," he said, conviction in his voice.

His epistle was spread over the cakes, the lid tied on securely, stamped and addressed, while Peter Crump winked at so flagrant a violation of postal laws under his very nose.

On the morning of the day before Christmas, as the general manager of the Pocomoke & Westhaven railroad was leaving his private office, his eye was caught by a small package lying unopened upon his desk.

"Nearly forgot that thing again," he said. "It came last night, and I went home without it. Here, Phil," he called to his secretary, "open this package, and if it requires an answer fix up the polite thing."

When he returned some hours later the package was still upon his desk, apparently unopened.

"I thought I told you to open this and see if it needed an answer!" he said, sharply.

"I did open it, Mr. Dorkins, but you are the proper person to answer it," the stenographer replied, in a curious tone.

Mr. Dorkins cut the string around the pasteboard box, a tinge of impatience in his manner. Lifting the lid, Homer's painstaking scrawl was exposed to view. He read it, a frown gathering on his brow. Over at his desk by the window the stenographer rustled his papers noisily, not daring to steal a look at his employer.

The general manager tossed the note aside with a muttered imprecation and took up one of the big cakes. It more than covered the palm of his hand, and there was borne to his nostrils a spicy smell that brought with it memories of his youth. Little things he had not thought of in years suddenly crowded upon him. His life had been such a busy one, such a shoulder-to-shoulder, neck-and-neck race for place and power, he had had no time for anything else.

He sat very still, holding the big cake on his outstretched palm, and all the struggle and care and turmoil, all the pleasure of success and a knowledge of power fell away from him. Again he heard the hickory logs crackling on the hearth, the brass andirons gleaming like gold in the firelight. It was Christmas eve, and his stocking hung on a nail by the high, black mantel. He was a great boy of ten, large and strong for his age. "Mother's man," she called him. She—his mother—sat in the circle of light from the cheerful fire, stringing raisins and popcorn on long threads to trim his baby sister's Christmas tree.

He knew what he would find in that stocking in the morning. A red-cheeked apple in the toe, and a paper of fat walnut-meats and one of popcorn made into taffy by some process known only to his mother. There would be half a dozen sticks of pink-and-white striped mint-candy, a ball of yarn covered with good stout sheepskin by his mother's own hands, and at the top of all such a brown, spicy-smelling, queer-looking horse ginger-cake as he gazed down on now.

The noises from the street, the rattle and roar of traffic below them, were the only sounds heard in the general manager's private office. The stenographer had ceased to rustle his papers; instead, he almost held his breath for fear of disturbing the man sitting there so quietly.

Presently Tom Dorkins stirred. "Phil," he said, in such a gentle voice that the young man started. It was so different from the curt, brisk tones to which he was accustomed. "Is your mother living?"

"Yes, Mr. Dorkins."

"Are you going to spend Christmas with her?"

"Yes, sir," he answered, slowly. He did not quite understand the drift of his chief's questioning.

"That's right," said Mr. Dorkins, heartily. "And I'm going to spend Christmas with mine, too; a thing I haven't done for nine years, boy. But I'll make it up to her to-morrow. Nine years to make up! Do you think I can do it?" He glanced hurriedly at his watch. "I can barely make connections if I'm to get there to-night. I won't have time to go home, Phil; you must stop at the house for me. Tell my wife not to be anxious; I've gone to my mother. She's old, and she's sent for me. I'll be back Monday."

Phil helped him on with his overcoat, and brushed a bit of imaginary dust from his hat before handing it to him.

"I wish I had time to get something to take her," Tom Dorkins said, as he pushed the box of cakes into his desk and locked it. "I've always sent her a present."

"You're all she wants, Mr. Dorkins," Phil ventured to say. He was hardly more than a boy, and he had a deal of swallowing to do to rid himself of the lump in his throat.

Some spits of snow were falling as Christmas eve drew to a close, and the wind sighed dismally around the corners of the house.

Grandma Dorkins piled an extra log on the brass andirons, and the ruddy glow lit up the room with a festive air.

"I wish the wind didn't howl so about the place," she said, restlessly. "It seems that mournful, exactly as if it knew I'd been hopin' against hope, an' Tom wasn't comin' this year, either."

She smoothed her black silk apron with nervous, trembling fingers as the up-train's whistle sounded.

"I'll soon know now," she whispered, feeling suddenly weak and old. If Tom shouldn't come, I don't believe I'd ever get over it. That's what's been keepin' me up all through the fall, an' to be disappointed again—" She sat with wide, eager eyes on the door. "He'll come right in, for he knows I'm expectin' him."

Yes, he knew she was expecting him. As he came up the board walk he could see the firelight flickering on the wall, the wreath of Christmas green hanging against the window. His hand fumbled at the latch a minute, then he opened the door gently and went in.

"Tom got home last night after all!" old Mrs. Dorkins cried, delightedly, as she reached Homer Fox the blue milk-pitcher from the kitchen window on Christmas morning.

"Gee whuts! You don't say?" Homer exclaimed, stamping the snow from his rawhide boots. "I guess you're happy as birds in the springtime, Gran'ma Dorkins!"

Tom, hearing voices, came out from the sitting-room, and finding Homer, went half way in the snow to meet him.

"Prosperity ain't puffed Tom up a bit," his mother thought, fondly. "He acted real glad to see Homer. What a long handshake he gave him."—Farm and Fireside.

A DAY FOR CHILDREN.

At Christmas Time Let Us Help Make the Little Folks Happy.

Christmas seems to be the one festival of the year which rightfully belongs to the children—the time when the Christ-child came into the world, born in such a lowly place, that no child, however humble, but should share in the joy of his birth. If we have children in our homes, says a writer in the Farm and Fireside, let us invest the Christmas-time with all the beauty and brightness that is possible. Teach them the sweet old Christmas songs, such as "Holy Night," "Once in Royal David's City," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Joy to the World." Tell them again the story of the birth of the Christ. All children love it, and it is ever new. These talks are made more interesting by looking at pictures. Good copies of old masterpieces illustrating the life of Christ are very cheap now, and should be in every home. Such pictures as Corneggio's "Nativity," "The Worship of the Magi," "The Madonna and Child," will make a lasting impression on a child's mind.

As Christmas commemorates God's greatest and best gift to the world, it is a sweet custom for friends to give some gift to each other symbolizing their love. In too many homes the children are in danger of having their own idea of Christmas one of getting something, instead of sharing in the joy of giving. In this way they lose the best part of the Christmas joy. Be sure to let even the little ones have a share in the Christmas preparation; teach them that the best part of every gift is the love that goes with it, and to try to make a happy Christmas for as many as they can. It would be a good thing if all children would commit to memory these lines, by Phoebe Carey, and practice them:

Children whose lives are blest with love untold,
Whose gifts are greater than your arms can hold,
Think of the child who stands
To-day with empty hands!

Go fill them up and you will also fill
Their empty hearts, that be so cold and still,
And brighten longing eyes
With grateful, glad surprise.

May all who have at this blest season seek
His precious little ones—the poor and weak;
In joyful, sweet accord,
Thus lending to the Lord!

Never Forget the Note of Thanks.

Be sure to send a note of thanks for a gift received at the earliest possible moment. Write it before your ardor cools. Make it hearty, spontaneous, enthusiastic. You need not be insincere. Even if you do not like the gift you must like the spirit that prompted it. Never defer writing with the idea that you will thank the giver in person. You may do that as well when opportunity offers, but do not risk delay. Nothing is more discourteous than belated thanks.—Ladies' Home Journal.

These Points Well Taken.

The United Telephone and Telegraph Co. has sent out a letter to their subscribers discouraging if possible the lengthy use of the wires for frequent frivolous and trivial conversations, and at times to the disadvantage of urgent and important messages. The operators have also been instructed to charge up time against those who hold the wires for more than five minutes at a time. The company also asks subscribers to protect them from the man who steps in and says "Can I use your 'phone for a minute?" and pays nothing for the service.

Scarcity Affects Industries.

The scarcity of anthracite has had a depressing effect on industrial establishments in various parts of the state, some of them close to the coal belt. If the fuel famine continues factories here and there will be obliged to shut down until the situation is relieved.

ORDINANCE NO. 118

The Town of Bloomsburg, Pa.

WHEREAS, the Delaware Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company desires to extend the switch now connecting with its main line of railroad from its present terminus in the rear of the plant of the Bloomsburg Electric Light & Power Company so as to connect with the manufacturing plants situate on the southern side of the Pennsylvania Canal in the town of Bloomsburg and

WHEREAS, the said D. L. & W. Railroad Company has already procured the right of way over all private property through which the extension of said switch will pass and

WHEREAS, by the draft heretofore submitted to the Town Council it appears that in the extension of said switch it will be necessary for the same to cross Catharine street in said Town near the intersection with Ninth street and to diagonally cross and occupy Ninth street aforesaid to a point west of the manufacturing plant now known as the Elevator Works:

Therefore be it ordained and enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomsburg and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same:

Section 1.—That the said D. L. & W. Railroad Company is hereby permitted to locate, construct, establish and use as a railroad switch of two single tracks across and over Catharine street in the Town of Bloomsburg near the intersection of said street with Ninth street and of one track over and along the south side of Ninth street aforesaid from its intersection with Catharine street to a point immediately west of the plant now known as the Elevator Works subject to the terms and conditions in the ordinance mentioned and to such other reasonable and lawful regulations as may be hereafter by the Town Council from time to time made or required.

Section 2.—The route of said railroad switch, its grade and construction shall be to the satisfaction and approval of the Engineer of the Town; and it shall be constructed, maintained and used in all its parts at the crossing of other streets or highways or upon or along the same at such grade as shall be fixed by the Town Council and to the satisfaction and approval of the Engineer of the Town and so as not to interfere with the use of such streets and highways except so much as is actually necessary and shall be by the said company so kept, maintained and used, and the said Company its successors, lessees or others operating the same shall submit to and observe all legal and reasonable regulations which may be at any time made by the Town Council with reference to speed of trains, grades, flagmen, etc.

Section 3.—That under reasonable conditions all companies or individuals owning land along the line of said switch shall have the privilege of connecting therewith and the said railroad or switch shall be so operated and managed that there shall be no unjust discrimination in freight or charges and that under just and equitable conditions opportunity shall be afforded to the industries along its line to have their merchandise transported over it to and from the tracks of other railroads than the Delaware Lackawanna & Western Railroad.

Section 4.—The said Company shall be liable for all damages to public or private prperty by reason of the construction, maintenance and use of said switch or by reason of any privilege granted by the Town Council, and nothing in this ordinance contained shall be construed in any manner to affect the rights of individuals or others as to damages by reason of the location, construction and maintenance and use of said switch or any construction connected therewith in this ordinance mentioned or referred to and the said Company its successors, lessees or others owning or operating the said switch or constructions shall keep the same in good order and save the Town of Bloomsburg harmless from any responsibility or liability whatever by reason of the location construction, maintenance and use of said switch or constructions.

Section 5.—The said Company shall pay all costs and expenses incident to the drawing, printing, posting and publishing this ordinance and all services performed by the Engineer of the Town or other Town officers, or employes and expenses incurred by the Town by reason of their services necessary under the provisions of this ordinance in the construction, maintenance and use of the works of the said Company shall be paid by the said Company.

Section 6.—This ordinance shall not be of force until it shall be certified to the D. L. & W. Railroad Company and by said Company accepted and approved and such acceptance and approval certified to the Town Council.

Attest:—FREEZE QUICK, Secretary.
Passed November 15, 1902.
JNO. R. TOWNSEND.
President of Council.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Daniel E. Troy, late of Beaver township, deceased.

The undersigned appointed an auditor by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the funds in the hands of C. H. Troy and I. S. Troy administrators of said deceased, will attend at his office in Bloomsburg on Friday, January 9th, 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in the fund in the hands of the said administrator are requested to appear and prove their claims or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

JOHN G. FREEZE,
12 18 3t Auditor

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John B. Shultz, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John B. Shultz, late of Greenwood township, Columbia County Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to J. B. Shultz, residing in said township, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to JOHN B. SHULTZ,
CLINTON HERRING, Executor.
12-25 4t* Attorney.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE —OF— REAL ESTATE.

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, the undersigned administrator of the estate of Samuel S. Lowry, late of Madison township, deceased, will expose to sale on the premises on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1903,

at two o'clock in the afternoon the following described real estate:

ALL THAT CERTAIN undivided six-sixteenths of a tract of land situate in said Madison twp., bounded as follows to wit: On the south by lands of William Hartline, on the east by lands of Theodore Runyon and J. M. Smith, on the west by lands of Nelson Kitchen, and on the north by lands of Peter Wolf; being the lands late of Jacob Mill's deceased, and containing one hundred and twenty-four acres, whereon are erected a

TWO STORY FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, A BANK BARN,

wagon sheds, corn cribs and other out-buildings: There is a well of water at the house and a spring at the barn; an apple orchard and some timber.

TERMS OF SALE:—Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-fourth less ten per cent. at the confirmation of sale; and the remaining three-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation nisi.

JOHN G. FREEZE, Attorney. JOHN C. WOLF, Adm. of Sam'l S. Lowry
12-4

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Vend. Exp. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, county and State aforesaid on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1903,

at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following real estate to wit: All that, the right, title and interest of Jacob E. Keifer in all that certain messuage situate in Bloomsburg Pennsylvania. Beginning at a corner of a lot of Wm. Fenstermacher, on south side of Fifth street, and extending eastwardly along said street fifty feet more or less to corner of an alley east of Iron street; thence along said alley southwardly one hundred and seventy-five feet to an alley thence along said alley westwardly to line of lot formerly of Wm. Fenstermacher fifty feet more or less, thence northwardly along line of said Wm. Fenstermacher one hundred and seventy-five feet more or less to Fifth street, the place of beginning; being lot No. 36 in Waller's addition to the town of Bloomsburg, whereon is erected a

TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSE,

frame stable and out buildings.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of the Sunbury Beef Company vs. Jacob E. Keifer and to be sold as the property of Jacob E. Keifer.

FREEZE, Atty. DANIEL KNORR, Sheriff.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The stockholders of the Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Co. will hold their annual meeting for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, on Monday, January 5th, 1903, at the office of the Company's plant in Sugarloaf township, Columbia county, Pa., at ten o'clock in the forenoon

12-4-4t. JOSIAH P. FRITZ, Secretary.

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.

Myrtle Bailey, vs Adam Bailey. } Petition in Divorce, No 134, Sept. T., 1902, Common Pleas, of Columbia County, Pa.

To Adam Bailey, late of said County.

Whereas, Myrtle Bailey, your wife, has filed a libel in divorce as above stated, praying a divorce from you; now, therefore, you are hereby notified and required to appear in said Court on or before Monday, the Second day of February, 1903, to show cause, if any you have, why Myrtle Bailey should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, according to the prayers of the petitioner filed in said Court.

DANIEL KNORR, Sheriff.
12-11-4t

ELECTION NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers National Bank of Bloomsburg, for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the directors' room of the Bank on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of two and four p. m.

12-11 tn. M. MILLEISEN, Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg National Bank of Bloomsburg, for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the directors' room of the Bank on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of ten a. m. and twelve m.

12-11 tn. W. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the hall of Centre Grange, No. 56, P. of H., on Tuesday, January 13th, 1903, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

12-11 3t H. H. BROWN, Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, of Bloomsburg, Pa., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the office of said Bank on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 9 a. m., and 12 o'clock, noon.

E. F. CARPENTER, Cashier.
12 11-4t

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ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Office—Bloomsburg Nat'l Bank Bldg., 2d floor.
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

J. H. MAIZE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE AGENT,
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FREEZE & HARMAN,
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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Wirt Building, Court House Square.
BLOOMSBURG, PA

H. A. McKILLIP,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Columbian Building, 2nd Floor.
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

RALPH R. JOHN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Hartman Building, Market Square.
Bloomsburg, Pa.

IKELER & IKELER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

CLYDE CHAS. YETTER,
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To any new subscriber who pays a year in advance.

To any regular patron of the advertising or jobbing department.

This rule will be rigidly adhered to.

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Dr. Harris, President of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, preached in the Baptist church both morning and evening on Sunday last. He also addressed a large men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon.

MILDRED HOLLAND

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 30th, Mildred Holland will present at the Grand Opera House, Bloomsburg, her latest success "The Lily and the Prince", which is the most pretentious production she has ever appeared in. Her part in this new effort is well fitted to her undoubted talents. A brief outline of the story may be of interest. The story "The Lily and the Prince" is a romantic play at the beginning of the Sixteenth Century, based on an attempted over-throw of the Papal States. Its plot is new and very interesting: the lines are for the most part splendid, the action is well sustained, and the situations are strong and logical. The first act contains an exceedingly pretty love scene, novel in its conception and admirably worked out, which is immediately followed by the introduction of the principal motive. The second act carries the plot well on toward the climax. The third act contains a superb climax and ends with a scene of remarkable strength, a scene in the famous Inquisition Chamber, a magnificent conception from the dramatic standpoint, with lines of great force and considerable beauty. The fourth and last act is of little less dramatic strength than the third, the author having hit upon an unusually happy denouement.

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The reorganized Bloomsburg Wheelmen basket ball team will play Danville in the Normal Gymnasium Friday night. National league rules will govern. There will be no boundaries and the ball will be in play all the time. This means a good lively game, and one that you will enjoy. The Wheelmen team is composed of good material this season. We are unable to give the line up as it has not been definitely decided upon. The nucleus of the team will be Holmes, Lewis and Moore.

New Year's day they play two games with Pittston, afternoon and evening.

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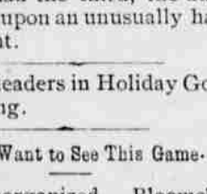

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THE BARRIER LIFTED.

The County Commissioners Grant Right of Way Across the River Bridge at Catawissa to Trolley Company.

After many month's of patient waiting on the part of the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company, they have at last succeeded in obtaining the right of way across the Susquehanna River bridge at Catawissa. This action was taken by the Board of County Commissioners on Saturday, and will meet with universal endorsement, as it will serve to bring Catawissa in closer touch, not only with Bloomsburg but with the other towns lying above here, and through which the trolley road passes.

To the residents of Catawissa, the convenience can hardly be estimated. Heretofore, a great many people, owing to the long walk across the bridge, and the very often long wait for a car, have been coming to Bloomsburg, over the Reading Railway and by private conveyance. When the trolley line is completed across the bridge, they will be able to catch a car every forty minutes, if the present schedule is continued, and almost at their very doors.

The work of extending the lines across the bridge will, it is understood be commenced, as soon as the materials can be secured.

The resolutions passed by the Commissioners, and the stipulations and provisions, are herewith appended in full:

Whereas; the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company are desirous of crossing the county bridge over the Susquehanna river at Catawissa with their track and for the purpose of operating the electric railway thereon.

And whereas; negotiations between the said company and its contractors, M. F. D. Scanlan & Company, and the County Commissioners of Columbia county have been pending for some months past, without arriving at any satisfactory results to either party.

And whereas; the said Railway Company and its contractors, about August, 1902, filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, sitting in equity, a petition, submitting the matters in controversy to the said Court for its adjudication.

And whereas; the said Court on the sixteenth day of August, 1902, filed an opinion in the premises and directed a decree to be drawn in accordance therewith, imposing certain conditions and terms of crossing said bridge.

And whereas; the said Railway Company has notified the commissioners that they are not able to comply with all the terms and conditions imposed by the said Court, and for that reason have not constructed the said railway upon and across the said bridge.

And whereas; the public have been seriously incommoded by reason of said railway not being extended into the Borough of Catawissa, and frequent complaints have been brought to the ears of the Commissioners of Columbia county, especially from people living on the south side of the river, because of the inability to reach the county seat in as comfortable and speedy way as they otherwise could, if said railway were completed into Catawissa.

And whereas; the situation has been aggravated very much within the last three months, by reason of the fact that all local trains on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad between Catawissa and Bloomsburg have been discontinued, and the only means that the people of Catawissa or those living on the south side of the river have for reaching Bloomsburg, is by means of the electric railway aforesaid, which requires them to walk across the bridge at all times of the day or night, exposed to darkness and storms.

And whereas; the said Electric Railway Company are willing to substantially comply with the said order of the Court, and have made concessions not heretofore made by said company.

Now, therefore be it resolved; that the said Columbia & Montour Railway company and the said M. F. D. Scanlan & Company, its contractors, be and the same are hereby permitted to cross the said county bridge over the Susquehanua river at Catawissa, and to build, construct and operate a line of track on the west side of said bridge, and operate an electric railway thereon, upon compliance with the following terms and conditions:

First. The Columbia and Montour Electric Railway Company shall strengthen said bridge in the manner recommended by Boyd F. Trescott, engineer appointed by the County Commissioners, for the purpose of recommending what should be done in relation to the said crossing. The floor structure of said bridge shall be raised and re-laid where necessary and from time to time renewed so as to be on a level with the top of the rails, thus making a continuous and uninterrupted surface upon which vehicles may travel. All the expenses of thus strengthening the bridge, raising the floor as aforesaid, shall be paid by the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company.

Second. A competent person selected and appointed by the said Commissioners of Columbia county, shall oversee and superintend such work and the compensation for his services shall also be paid by the said Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company at the rate of two dollars per day.

Third. Said bridge shall be lighted and kept lighted at night, during all the time that cars may be running thereon, at the proper cost and charges of said Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company, and the cost of wiring and putting in place the other necessary appliances in this connection shall be furnished without cost to said Columbia county by said Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company.

Fourth. The said Electric Railway Company shall also pay all costs and charges incident to the grading of the north approach of said bridge, as well as to south approach thereto, if ever used by said Electric Railway Company, and all work done in connection with said grading as well as all other work contemplated to be carried out by these conditions and terms shall be under the supervision and direction of a competent overseer or superintendent appointed by said County Commissioners, wno shall be paid for his services at the rate of two dollars a day by said railway company.

Fifth. The rate of speed to be attained in the operation of its cars over the said bridge by the said railway company shall not exceed six miles per hour.

Sixth. The rail known as the "T" rail shall be used in the construction of said railway across said bridge, and in its construction shall be equal to or better than the sample construction now on exhibition in the County Commissioners' office in Bloomsburg. The "T" rail shall also be used on the north approach to said bridge and the track and wheel surface of said approach shall be maintained at the level of the top of said rail, so that undue obstruction shall not be offered to vehicles traveling either on said track or crossing the same.

Seventh. The said Electric Railway Company shall maintain the whole floor structure of said bridge in good and sufficient, reasonable, current, ordinary repair, which repair shall include not only such as may be incident to the passing of wagons and other vehicles, but likewise such as might arise by reason of the passing of cars of the said company over said bridge.

Eighth. The said company shall file its bonds with sufficient security to be approved by the Court in the sum of six thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful and prompt carrying out of the terms and conditions imposed by this resolution.

Ninth. This resolution shall not go into effect until accepted in writing by said railway company under its corporate seal and properly signed by the president of said company and attested by its secretary.

Tenth. Permission to cross the said bridge on the west or lower side thereof and lay track and attach wires and operate an electric railroad thereon as above set forth, is granted by the said County Commissioners, subject however, to a similar grant to the Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company to lay track, attach wires and operate an electric street railway on the east or upper side of the said bridge, provided, however, that after tracks are laid and wires attached on both sides of said bridge as aforesaid, that both of the said companies shall use the western or lower side of said bridge for traffic going from Bloomsburg or Danville to Catawissa, and both of said companies shall use the track on the eastern or upper side of said bridge for traffic coming from Catawisa to Bloomsburg or Danville; and provided further that all expense of lighting, keeping in repair the approaches and floor structure and all other repairs above provided shall be borne equally by said companies wnile both are operating a railway on said bridge, but until both begin to operate, and if one should cease to operate, all expenses as above provided shall be borne and paid by the one or the other operating said electric railway over and upon the said bridge.

BLOOMSBURG AND DANVILLE.

Whereas, the Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company are desirous of crossing the county bridge over the Susquehanna river at Catawissa with their track and for the purpose of operating thereon an electric street railway, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company, its agents, contractors and assigns be, and are hereby permitted to cross the said county bridge over the Susquehanna river at Catawissa, and to build, construct and operate a line of track and attach wires on the east or upper side of said bridge and to operate an electric railway thereon upon compliance with the following terms and conditions, viz:

First. The said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company shall strengthen said bridge in the manner recommended by Boyd F. Trescott, engineer, appointed by the County Commissioners for the purpose of recommending what should be done in relation to the said crossing. The floor structure of said bridge throughout shall be raised or relayed when necessary and from time to time renewed so as to be on a level with the top of the rails, thus making a continuous, and uninterrupted surface upon which vehicles may travel. All expenses of thus strengthening the bridge and raising the floor as aforesaid shall be paid by the said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company.

Second. A competent person selected and appointed by the said Commissioners of Columbia county shall oversee and superintend such work and the compensation for his services shall be paid by the said Bloomsburg & Sullivan Electric Street Railway Company at the rate of $2 per day.

Third. Said bridge shall be lighted and kept lighted at night during all the time that cars may be running thereon at the proper cost and charges of the said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company, and the cost of wiring and putting in place the other necessary appliances in this connection shall be furnished without cost to the said Columbia county by said Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Street Railway Company.

Fourth. The said Electric Street Railway Company shall also pay all costs and charges incident to the grading of the north approach of said bridge, as well as the south approach thereto, if ever used by said Electric Street Railway Company, and all work done in connection with said grading, as well as all other work contemplated to be carried out by these conditions and terms, shall be under the supervision and direction of a competent overseer-superintendent appointed by said County Commissioners, who shall be paid for his services at the rate of $2 per day by said Railway Company.

Fifth. The rate of speed to be attained in the operation of its cars over the said bridge by the said Railway Company shall not exceed six miles an hour.

Sixth. The rail known as the "T" rail shall be used in the construction of the said railway across said bridge, and its construction shall be the equal or better than the sample construction now on exhibition in the Commissioners' office in Bloomsburg. The "T" rail shall also be used on the north approach to said bridge and the track and wheel surface to said approach shall be maintained at the level of the top of said rail, so that undue obstruction shall not be offered to vehicles traveling either on said track or crossing the same.

Seventh. The said Electric Street Railway Company shall maintain the whole floor structure of said bridge in good and sufficient, reasonable, current, ordinary repair, which repair shall include not only such as may be incident to the passing of wagons and other vehicles, but likewise such as might arise by reason of the passing of cars of the said company over the said bridge.

Eighth. The said campany shall file its bond with sufficient security to be approved by the Court, in the sum of six thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful and prompt carrying out of the terms and conditions imposed by this resolution.

Ninth. This resolution shall not go into effect until accepted in writing by the said Railroad Company under its corporate seal, and properly signed by the president of the said company and attested by its secretary.

Tenth. Permission to cross the bridge on the east or upper side thereof and lay track and attach wires and operate an electric railway thereon as above set forth, is granted by the said County Commissioners, subject, however, to a similar grant to the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company to lay track, attach wires, and operate an electric railway on the west or lower side of the said bridge, provided, however, that after tracks are laid and wires attached on both sides of said bridge as aforesaid, that both the said companies shall use the western or lower side of said bridge for trafic going from Bloomsburg or Danville to Catawissa, and both of said companies shall use the track on the eastern or upper side of said bridge for trafic coming from Catawissa to Bloomsburg or Danville; and provided further that all expenses of lighting, keeping in repair the approaches and floor structure, and all other repairs above provided shall be borne equally between said companies while both are operating a railway on said bridge, but until both begin to operate, and if one should cease to operate, all expenses as above provided, shall be borne or paid by the one or the other operating said electric railway over and upon the said bridge.

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